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ANGUISH: Relatives react after being told loved ones were killed after a suicide bombing in Karbala, Iraq.

130 Dead in Iraq Attacks

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | Suicide bombers infiltrated a line of police recruits and a crowd of Shiite pilgrims Thursday as insurgents killed 125 civilians and five U.S. soldiers, escalating attacks while political factions worked to forge a coalition government.

The stark surge in post-election violence produced familiar but heartrending images on a day that was the fourth deadliest since the fall of Saddam Hussein in 2003.

After the devastating attack in Ramadi, a Sunni insurgent stronghold 70 miles west of

the capital, police recruits got back in line to continue the screening process, said Marine Capt. Jeffrey S. Pool. They were apparently desperate for a relatively well-paying job in the impoverished area.

Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari, a Shiite, denounced the violence as an attempt to derail the political process at a time when progress was being made toward a broad-based government that would include the Sunni Arabs and thus possibly weaken the insurgency. **JASON STRAZIUSO (AP)**

Sharon Remains In Coma

Decline of Israeli PM raises fears about peace prospects

JERUSALEM | Doctors said Thursday that Prime Minister Ariel Sharon will be kept in a coma-like state for up to three days to prevent further damage from a massive stroke. His sons held a bedside vigil and state media broadcast mournful songs.

The nation's top rabbis called on Israelis to rush to synagogues and pray for the 77-year-old ex-general, whom many saw as the best hope for peace with the Palestinians.

Sharon's deputy, Ehud Olmert, tried to convey a sense of stability while serving as acting prime minister, but Sharon's dramatic downturn left Israelis fearful.

The Web site of the respected Haaretz daily quoted hospital officials as saying Sharon suffered vast brain damage.

But Dr. Shlomo Mor-Yosef, Hadassah Hospital director, sought to quash widespread rumors that the prime minister was brain-dead. Sharon's pupils were responding to light, "which means the brain is functioning," he told reporters.

"We are fighting for the life of the prime minister, with no compromise," he said. **RAVI NESSMAN (AP)**

EXOTIC FOODS | **Chef's Choice** A DeKalb, Ga., restaurant scored an 87 on a health inspection, getting points off because of a frozen guinea pig in the freezer, the Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported. The chef told inspectors the rodent was for his own con-



sumption but could not remember where he bought it; inspectors said the restaurant should have had a receipt for the animal and labeled it "personal food." The 87 score was still an improvement over last year's score of 79. **(EXPRESS) EyeOpeners** | Page 2

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HOPPING

Suffering for His Art

A Baker, Calif., artist who chained his legs together to draw a picture of himself hopped for 12 hours through the desert Tuesday after realizing he lost the key and couldn't unlock the restraints. Trevor Corneliusen tightly wrapped and locked his bare ankles with a long, thick chain while camping in an abandoned mine shaft, police said. When he finished his chain drawing, he realized he would have to seek help, the deputy said. "It took him over 12 hours because he had to hop through boulders and sand," officer Ryan Ford said. "He did put on his shoes before hopping." Corneliusen finally made it to a gas station. (AP)

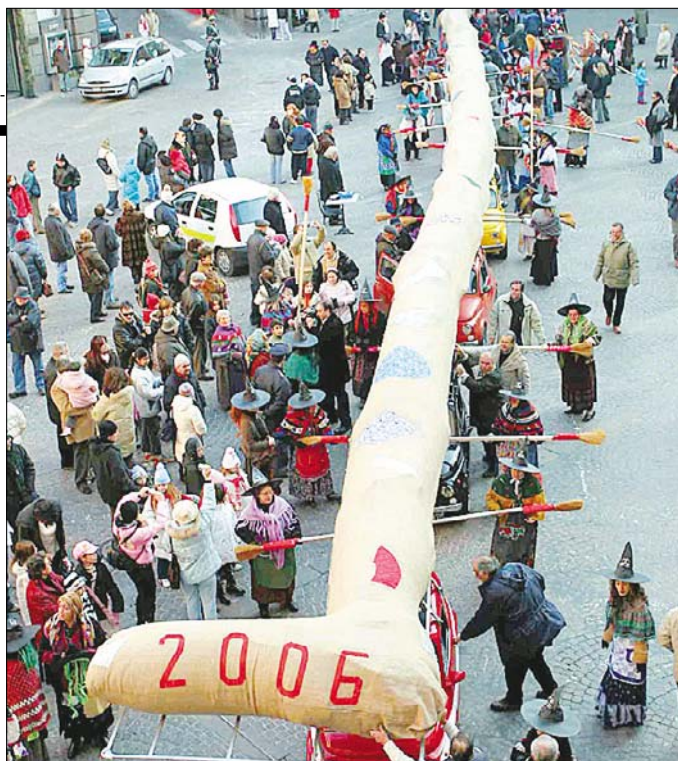


TOILET PAPER

Holy Rollers

Bake sales? Been done. Car washes? So 2005. And soda-can drives can fall flat. So the Rev. Rick Oliver, pastor for the First Church of God in Pendleton, Ore., cast about for a new idea to raise money for sending 18 people on a mis-

sion to Costa Rica and settled on ... toilet paper? The church is now selling toilet paper under the brand — what else? — "Angel Soft." The toilet paper can be bought from the church either by the roll or by the case. "We've heard all the jokes. People really enjoy that it's 'Angel Soft,' but what else would a church sell?" Oliver said. (AP)



CANDY

Sock It to Me

A giant sock filled with sweets is carried by a convoy of Fiat 500 cars to celebrate the upcoming festival of the Epiphany in Viterbo, Italy, on Thursday. Filling socks with candy and giving them to children is a tradition of the Epiphany, celebrated in Italy on Jan. 6. (AP)



GENDER IDENTITY

Revealed: Barbie Really a Man

Concerned Women for America says Barbie manufacturer Mattel is pandering to the "transgender movement" because a poll on the Barbie Web site allowed kids to choose "I don't know" when asked for their sex, ABC News reported. Barbie.com asks users their age and sex when they log on; last month, there were three gender options: "I am a boy," "I am a girl" and "I don't know." (EXPRESS)

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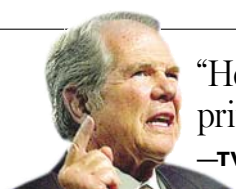
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"He was dividing God's land, and I would say woe unto any prime minister of Israel who takes a similar course ..."

—TV evangelist Pat Robertson, linking Ariel Sharon's stroke to a judgement by God

Nation

Fla. Court: No School Vouchers

Program ruled to undermine state's public education

TALLAHASSEE, FLA. | The Florida Supreme Court struck down a state-wide voucher system Thursday that allowed children to attend private schools at taxpayer expense — a program Gov. Jeb Bush considered one of his proudest achievements.

It was the nation's first statewide voucher program.

In a 5-2 ruling, the high court said the program undermines the public schools and violates the Florida Constitution's requirement of a uniform system of free public education.

Voucher opponents had also argued that the program violated the separation of church and state in giving tax dollars to parochial schools — an argument a lower court agreed with. The state Supreme Court did not address that issue.

The ruling will not become effective until the end of the school year.

The voucher setup was a part of an education program on the governor's part that also includes testing at virtually every level and a school grading system that offers performance-based rewards and punishments. BILL KACZOR (AP)

Padilla Moved to Civilian Custody

Terror suspect brought to face charges after lengthy court battle

MIAMI | Jose Padilla, the alleged alQaeda operative held as an "enemy combatant" for more than three years, was taken from a Navy brig and flown to Miami on Thursday to face terrorism charges in civilian court.

The transfer from military to civilian custody began after a legal battle that went all the way to the Supreme Court.

Padilla was taken from a brig in

South Carolina and flown by military aircraft to Miami, said U.S. Marshals Service spokesman Dave Turner. He was scheduled to appear in federal court later in the day.

Padilla was arrested at Chicago's O'Hare Airport in May 2002 and held by the Bush administration without criminal charges on suspicion of plotting to detonate a radioactive "dirty bomb."

The U.S. Supreme Court has been asked to use Padilla's case to define the extent of presidential power over U.S. citizens who are detained on American soil on suspicion of terrorism. But



Federal agents escort terror suspect Padilla to civilian custody Thursday. ALAN DIAZ/AP

before the high court could decide whether take up the case, the Bush administration indicted Padilla in November in civilian court.

The transfer of Padilla from military to civilian custody was approved Wednesday by the Supreme Court, which overruled the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

The appeals court had refused to allow the transfer in a decision sharply critical of the Bush administration, suggesting the administration indicted Padilla to avert a ruling from the Supreme Court on presidential powers during wartime.

CURT ANDERSON (AP)

VERMONT | ICY ROADS CAUSE SCHOOL BUS CRASH



SAFE LANDING: A school bus spun out of control on slippery roads came to rest on its side against a tree in East Montpelier, Vt., on Thursday. The 10 elementary school students onboard were not hurt. TOBY TALBOT/AP

Preschooler's Name on Federal No-Fly List

HOUSTON | Edward Allen's reaction to being on the government's "no-fly" list should have been the tip-off that he is no terrorist.

"I don't want to be on the list. I want to fly and see my grandma," the 4-year-old boy said.

Sijollie Allen and her son had trouble boarding planes last month because Edward's name is on a government terrorist watch list.

Transportation Security Administration officials said the agency tells airlines not to select children under 12 for extra security checks even if their names match ones on the list. (AP)

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Undignified Descent

→ Embattled lobbyist Jack Abramoff emerged from court on Tuesday dressed like a crime boss. Robin Givan assesses his full-blown aesthetic meltdown | **Today, in Styles**

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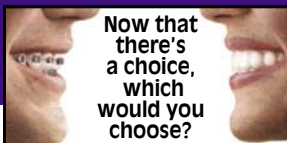
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In Brief

MANTECA, CALIF.

Police: Couple Vacationed While Kids Were Left Alone

A married couple who got a dog-sitter for their puppies but left the man's young children home alone while they vacationed in Las Vegas were arrested Wednesday, police said. Jacob Calero, 39, and Michelle De La Vega, 32, left town Friday to celebrate the new year, and left 9-year-old Joshua to look after his 5-year-old brother, Jason, who is autistic. (AP)

MONTPELIER, VT.

State to Cover Some Drug Costs for Poor Seniors

State officials agreed Thursday to cover drug costs for poor Vermont senior citizens for a month after a new federal Medicare prescription drug program rejected some of their claims. The \$7 million emergency plan endorsed by the governor's office and approved by the House would cover medicine expenses of the state's poor seniors through the end of January. (AP)

MIAMI

Woman Arrested for Aiding Escaped Rape Suspect

A woman accused of providing food, money and clothing to a serial rape suspect after his escape from jail has been arrested, police said Wednesday. Alejandra Carvajal, 45, was arrested at her Miami home Tuesday and charged with accessory after the fact to capital sexual battery. She went to Reynaldo E. Rapalo's hiding place in Miami a day after he escaped from jail Dec. 20. He was caught six days later. (AP)



Rapalo



Miner Denver Anderson, right, walks with a reporter at the Sago Mine on Thursday. Anderson was with the last workers to come out of the mine alive after the explosion.

W.Va. Miners Left Notes for Families

Messages say end was peaceful; sole survivor remains in a coma

TALLMANSVILLE, W. VA. | Some of the 12 coal miners who died in the Sago Mine disaster scrawled farewell notes assuring their loved ones that their final hours trapped underground amid toxic gases were not spent in agony.

"Tell all I'll see them on the other side," read the note found with the body of 51-year-old mine foreman Martin Toler Jr. "It wasn't bad. I just went to sleep. I love you Jr."

Tom Toler, Martin's older brother who worked 30 years in the mine with him, said Thursday that the note was "written very lightly and very loosely" in block letters on the back of an insurance application form his brother had in his pocket.

"I took it to mean that it was writ-

ten in the final stages," the brother said. "I'd call it more or less scribbling."

No note was found on the body of 59-year-old machine operator Fred Ware Jr., but daughter Peggy Cohen said she and other relatives who went to identify bodies at a temporary morgue were told by the medical examiner that some of the men wrote letters with a similar message: "Your dad didn't suffer."

The miners died after an explosion that rocked the mine Monday morning.

The sole survivor, 26-year-old Randal McCloy, remained in critical condition in a coma, struggling with the effects of oxygen deprivation to his vital organs. Doctors said he may have suffered brain damage. On Thursday afternoon, he was moved from a hospital in Morgantown to one in Pittsburgh for hyperbaric oxygen treatment. ALLEN G. BREED (AP)

Democrats Seek to Delay Vote on Alito

WASHINGTON | Senate Democrats plan to delay the Judiciary Committee's vote on Samuel Alito's nomination to the Supreme Court for at least a week, slowing what could have been a quick confirmation process for President Bush's pick to replace retiring Justice Sandra

Day O'Connor.

Senate Judiciary Chairman Arlen Specter had hoped to hold a committee vote on Alito's nomination on Jan. 17.

Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., told Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., on Thursday that

Democrats will invoke their right to hold the Alito committee vote over for one week, Senate leadership aides told The Associated Press.

Frist had been pushing for a Jan. 20 confirmation vote for Alito in the full Senate. The date of the Senate's confirmation vote would also have to be delayed if the Democrats follow through on their plan to delay. (AP)



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"We look with great worry on what might happen if [Sharon] is impaired." — **Palestinian Leader Mahmoud Abbas**, commenting on Ariel Sharon's condition in Ramallah. Abbas telephoned Israeli leaders to express his concern.

World



Acting Israeli leader Ehud Olmert said the nation is in a "serious situation."

Loyal Sharon Ally Olmert Is Acting Leader of Israel

JERUSALEM | Ehud Olmert, a blunt cigar-smoking political operator, was Ariel Sharon's staunchest ally and deputy during the prime minister's transformation from hawk to moderate.

With Sharon's sudden collapse, a grim-faced Olmert took the reins of power Thursday, trying to convey continuity but acknowledging in a special Cabinet session that the nation is in a "serious situation."

If Sharon remains incapacitated, Olmert could be one of the top contenders for prime minister in a March 28 general election.

A recent opinion poll found that Olmert, as leader of the centrist Kadima party established by Sharon, could win by a small margin — but the situation is fluid and analysts said it is difficult to predict what would happen to the movement in Sharon's absence. (AP)

Israelis Fear Future Without Sharon

Popular leader seen as unflappable source of strength amid turmoil

JERUSALEM | Ariel Sharon's massive stroke left his nation fearful for the future Thursday, with many Israelis wondering whether anyone could fill his larger-than-life shoes.

"He was like a father to me," said construction worker Rafael Levy, 42, from Tel Aviv. "He was always dedicated to this nation ... I am worried about the future of this country."

The stroke seemed to catch people off guard, despite the 77-year-old's advanced age, obesity and the minor stroke he suffered just two weeks ago. After more than 50 turbulent years as a soldier and politician, the unflappable, popular Sharon seemed capable of overcoming anything.

Sharon was elected in early 2001, shortly after the outbreak of Israeli-Palestinian fighting. For many Israelis, the hawkish former general seemed like the perfect answer to the violence.

His charisma, along with his security credentials and tough response to Palestinian suicide attacks, also gave Sharon the stature to carry out Israel's historic withdrawal from the Gaza Strip. The withdrawal marked the first time Israel has ceded captured land



PRAYERFUL VIGIL: An Israeli soldier stops to pray at the Western Wall, Judaism's holiest site, in Jerusalem on Thursday.

to the Palestinians.

"He was the kind of leader that I could trust," said Zadok Sasson, 53, a flower vendor in Jerusalem's Mahane Yehuda market. "I felt safe with him. I loved him very much."

Israel's two chief rabbis called on the nation to flock to synagogues and say special prayers for Sharon. "We are very, very worried," said Chief Rabbi Yona Metzger.

Radio stations played som-

ber music throughout the day, and one major television station repeatedly interrupted its coverage of the crisis with subdued ballads performed live by some of the country's top musicians.

"No one can be a leader as strong and powerful and admirable as him," said Maayan Galili, 23, a university student. "Everyone is looking for the replacement. But there isn't one." JOSEF FEDERMAN (AP)

ALL EYES ON ISRAEL

Intensive care: All the latest developments on Sharon's condition | [washingtonpost.com](http://www.washingtonpost.com)

Grim outlook: Doctors' comments make it appear unlikely Sharon will be able to return to politics | *Today's Post, A Section*

Dramatic turns: A photo gallery of Sharon's career, plus audio, video clips and more background | [washingtonpost.com](http://www.washingtonpost.com)

SAUDI ARABIA | 20 DIE IN BUILDING COLLAPSE



FRANTIC SEARCH: Rescuers look for survivors at the scene of a building collapse in Mecca, Saudi Arabia, Thursday. At least 20 pilgrims attending the annual gathering of millions of Muslims in Islam's holiest city, known as the hajj, died when the eight-story building collapsed. Another 59 were injured.

3 Americans Killed on Mt. Kilimanjaro

2 other U.S. climbers hurt after rock slide rains down on tents

MOUNT KILIMANJARO NATIONAL PARK, TANZANIA | The climbers were asleep in their tents, hoping to get a few hours rest before a pre-dawn ascent of Africa's highest peak, when the boulders rained down. Three Americans were killed and two others seriously injured.

The Americans were among several dozen foreign climbers camped near Arrow glacier on Kilimanjaro's difficult Western Breach when the



Kristian Ferguson, left, seen here with his wife in Colorado, is one of the dead.

rock slide occurred Wednesday.

The dead were identified as Kristian Ferguson, 27, of Longmont, Colo.; Mary Lou Sammis, 58, of

Huntington, N.Y., and Betty Orrick Sapp, 63, of Tennessee.

The injured Americans were flown to Nairobi, Kenya, for treatment, said James Wakibara, acting spokesman for Mount Kilimanjaro National Park.

Several Tanzanian guides also were initially reported killed, but police commander Mohamed Chico said Thursday that no Tanzanians had been found among the dead.

More than 20,000 tourists attempt to climb the mountain every year. About 10 people die each year on the climb, usually from altitude sickness. SUKHDEV CHHATBAR (AP)

World

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The height, in feet, of a giant ferris wheel built by a Chinese amusement park in Nanchang. The park claims that the wheel is the world's tallest, surpassing the height of the current recordholder, the London Eye, by 82 feet.

In Brief

VIENNA, AUSTRIA

Iranians Fail to Show Up for Planned Meeting With IAEA

A defiant Iran rebuffed the head of the International Atomic Energy Agency on Thursday, failing to show up for a promised meeting where it was due to explain plans to move closer to uranium enrichment by early next week. Diplomats close to the agency described the move as unusual, and suggested it was at least partly triggered by criticism of Tehran by agency head Mohamed ElBaradei during a meeting Wednesday with Iranian envoys. (AP)



Indonesian rescuers carry the body of a victim of a landslide in Cijeruk village.

CIJERUK, INDONESIA

More Than 200 Dead Or Missing From Landslides

Soldiers and volunteers used their bare hands Thursday to search for survivors buried beneath tons of mud and rock after landslides wiped out several Indonesian villages, leaving more than 210 people dead or missing, officials said. Close to a thousand grieving relatives and curious onlookers watched from behind police lines in the village of Cijeruk as rescue workers pulled out more than a dozen corpses caked in heavy mud from the debris. (AP)

BEIJING

China Closing Thousands of Mines in Safety Crackdown

China is closing 5,290 coal mines in a safety crackdown on the world's deadliest mining industry, the government announced Thursday. The figure is higher than a previously reported estimate of 4,000 mines that would be closed after safety inspections in 2005, the official Xinhua News Agency said. (AP)

In Iraq, Another Wave of Bloodshed

Top political parties lash out after two-day death toll reaches 183

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | A woman and an infant girl in a bright red jumpsuit lay in a pool of blood, their faces covered by a sheet as men ferried the wounded in pushcarts. Ball bearings lay scattered on the bare earth next to Shiite Islam's holiest shrine in Iraq.

With the two-day death toll from attacks reaching 183, Iraq's main Shiite religious party, the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution, issued a veiled threat to Sunnis supporting the insurgency that its patience was wearing thin.

But in a chord struck by several politicians Thursday, the party also condemned policies it said were imposed by the U.S.-led coalition that were hampering Iraqi security forces' counterterrorism work.

The Iraqi Accordance Front, the main Sunni coalition that is negotiating with Shiites and Kurds over a coalition government after the Dec. 15 election, denounced the violence but blamed Iraq's leaders for allowing it to happen.

The three main attacks Thursday all took place within an hour's time.



HARM'S WAY: An injured man is comforted in Ramadi after a suicide bomber attacked a group of police recruits on Thursday.

The day's death toll of 130 was the largest single-day total since Sept. 14, when 162 died.

The suicide bomber in Karbala wore a vest packed with ball bearings and detonated his explosives on a busy pedestrian path about 100 feet from the Imam Hussein

shrine in Karbala. The attack killed 63 and wounded 120, police spokesman Rahman Meshawi said.

A nearby toy vendor said he lost consciousness after the blast.

"I was selling toys near the shrine when I flew into the air because of the explosion," Akram Saleh said

from a hospital bed.

Mohammed Saheb, who was wounded in the head, said he travels to the shrine every Thursday in advance of Friday prayers.

"The terrorists spare no place from their ugly deeds," Saheb said.

JASON STRAZIUSO (AP)

Blast Kills 10 in Afghanistan as U.S. Envoy Visits

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN | A suicide bomb exploded in a crowded market Thursday in an Afghan town just a few hundred yards from where the U.S. ambassador was meeting with local leaders. Ten Afghans were killed and 50 wounded in the deadliest of a recent series of attacks.

Ambassador Ronald E. Neumann was not hurt in the blast. A purported Taliban spokesman claimed responsibility and said the insurgents hoped to kill "high-ranking Americans."

The bombing follows a foiled plot by militants in June to assassinate Neumann's predecessor, Zalmay Khalilzad. (AP)

Second Turkish Teen Dies of Bird Flu

Authorities rush to action as much-feared virus moves westward

VAN, TURKEY | The day his sister died of bird flu, preliminary tests on the body of a Turkish teenager who earlier succumbed to the ailment pointed to a strain scientists fear could trigger a global human epidemic.

Medicines were flown in, fearful townspeople visited doctors, soldiers culled fowl and funeral workers shoveled lime on the girl's grave Thursday as Turkey mobilized against a virus moving westward from eastern Asia.

Dr. Ahmet Faik Oner, who treated the children, said the youngsters



A man in Erzurum, Turkey, helps a veterinary official collect suspect poultry.

most likely contracted bird flu while playing with dead chickens. The children had tossed chicken heads around like balls inside their house, Sabah newspaper reported.

Samples from the boy were tested by two laboratories in Turkey, and "it turned out to be positive (for H5N1), and because it's so specific it's unlikely we're dealing with false positives," said Guenael Rodier, an adviser on communicable diseases at WHO's European headquarters in Copenhagen, Denmark.

A dozen patients were receiving treatment for bird flu at the hospital in Van, a city near the border with Iran, where 15-year-old Fatma Kocyigit died Thursday, only four days after the death of her 14-year-old brother.

Two other Kocyigit siblings were in serious condition and could not breathe without the help of artificial respiratory machines, hospital officials said. BENJAMIN HARVEY (AP)

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Total number of extra days Maryland residents will get to file their taxes. Because April 15 falls on a Saturday and the following Monday is a public holiday in Massachusetts — where Maryland's taxes are processed — procrastinators will have a little extra time.

Local

In Brief

WASHINGTON

D.C., Howard U. Sign Pact For New Hospital in SE

Howard University signed an agreement Thursday with the District of Columbia to build a new hospital in Southeast Washington and vowed to maintain its current hospital, despite a round of layoffs last month. The deal calls for a new nonprofit corporation to run the two medical facilities independently of the university and without an annual subsidy from the city. The agreement must still be approved by the D.C. Council, and some members have voiced doubts on the financial viability of the project. (AP)

DUNDALK, MD.

Ehrlich Proposes \$462M In New Funds for Schools

Gov. Robert Ehrlich announced Thursday that his budget proposal for the upcoming fiscal year will include \$462 million in new funds for public education, \$261 million of which would go for school construction. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Study Says Streetcars May Be Better for Columbia Pike

A Metro study of the Columbia Pike corridor released on Thursday to the transit agency's board members found that streetcars would attract slightly more passengers than bus rapid transit along the roadway between Baileys Crossroads in Fairfax County and Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington County. Board member Chris Zimmerman said Thursday that the streetcar proposal needs further study. There are no cost estimates as of yet. (AP)

4 Are Hurt as Train Leaves Tracks

Derailment on VRE's Fredericksburg Line halts all rail service

QUANTICO, VA. | Investigators spent Thursday trying to determine what caused the partial derailment of a Virginia Railway Express train, stopping not only commuter service on VRE's Fredericksburg Line, but also Amtrak and freight trains.

"There were a total of three passenger injuries and one staff member was injured, I believe it was a conductor. None of those injuries are life-threatening or serious in nature," said Mark Roeber, a VRE spokesman. All were treated and released from hospitals.

"There was damage to the rail. It shifted. The ballast has been dis-



Two railroad inspectors examine a switch near Quantico, Va., on Thursday where a Washington-bound Virginia Rail Express train derailed during the morning rush.

turbed, some of the ties are damaged," said Debbie Hersman, a member of the National Transportation Safety Board sent to the scene.

"All of the cars remained upright and they were largely in line," Hersman said.

The engine and three of the five passenger cars on train 304 left the tracks. The rail cars were acquired new by VRE in 2000, and each can hold about 144 people.

About 400 passengers were aboard the train, which left Fredericksburg at about 6:10 a.m. on the way to Washington. The derailment happened near the Quantico station. (AP)

Focus on track switch: Incident happened at bridge, near where trains share same track | **Today in Metro**

Tests Ordered in Case Of '92 Va. Execution

DNA evidence could prove that man was wrongly put to death

RICHMOND, VA. | Gov. Mark R. Warner on Thursday ordered DNA evidence retested to determine whether a man convicted of rape and murder was innocent when he was executed in 1992.

If the testing shows Roger Keith Coleman did not rape and kill his sister-in-law in 1981, it will be the first time in the United States a person has been exonerated by scientific testing after his execution, according to death penalty

opponents.

Warner said he ordered the tests because of technological advances that could provide a level of forensic certainty not available in the 1980s.

"This is an extraordinarily unique circumstance, where technology has advanced significantly and can be applied in the case of someone who consistently maintained his innocence until execution," said Warner, a Democrat who leaves office Jan. 14.

Coleman was convicted and sentenced to death in 1982 for the murder of his wife's sister, 19-year-old Wanda McCoy. BOB LEWIS (AP)

Metro Looking to Cut Dulles Rail Cost

WASHINGTON | Metro plans to hold hearings in March on revisions designed to cut the cost of the Dulles rail project by 25 percent.

Metro's board of directors will vote later this month on the date of the hearing.

Engineers are considering shifting the alignment to the median of Route 7 in Tysons Corner. They

are also proposing a shorter, shallower tunnel section, and raising the Tysons station to ground level. The changes are expected to reduce the cost from \$2.4 billion to \$1.8 billion.

The \$1.8 billion covers the first 11-mile phase of a proposed 23-mile Metrorail extension to Dulles Airport and Loudoun County. (AP)

The Lotteries

Thursday, Jan. 5

DISTRICT

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	0-5-6
Evening Lucky Numbers	7-1-2
Mid-day DC 4	7-1-3-2
Evening DC 4	1-0-1-7
Rolling Cash Five	08-31-26-05-11
Daily 6	14-36-16-13-22-02 Bonus: 26
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	01-06-12-27-35 (08)

MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	9-1-9
Evening Pick 3	9-7-4
Mid-day Pick 4	4-3-9-1
Evening Pick 4	7-3-6-5
Match 5	05-13-21-23-37 Bonus: 18
Lotto (Wed.)	22-28-35-43-47-48

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3 (Thurs.)	9-8-8
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	2-6-3
Mid-day Pick 4 (Thurs.)	5-5-7-2

Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	7-9-1-5
Mid-day Cash 5 (Thurs.)	08-25-31-32-34
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	03-07-09-21-29
Lotto South (Wed.)	02-11-19-31-33-41

MULTI-STATE GAMES

Powerball (Wed.)	10-23-42-48-54 (03)
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The record number of commercial airplane orders Boeing Co. received during 2005. The total surpasses the Chicago-based company's previous record of 877 net orders, set back in 1988.

Independence Air Flies Into History

Low-cost carrier lands its final flight at Dulles after a 19-month run

WASHINGTON | Like Eastern, TWA and Pan Am before it, Independence Air flew into the sunset Thursday.

"It's very emotional for a lot of our people and our customers," Rick DeLisi, an airline spokesman, said hours before the last flight was due to depart for Washington Dulles International Airport from White Plains, N.Y.

DeLisi was among about 2,600 Independence Air workers facing unemployment. He said thousands of phone messages and e-mails have come into the company's headquarters since the shutdown announcement was made Monday.

"Almost all of them say the same thing, which is, 'we're really sorry that you're leaving and we enjoyed flying with you.' We feel the same way," DeLisi said.

Independence Air began operations nearly 19 months ago as former executives from Atlantic Coast Airlines tried to turn a contract carrier for Delta and United



Independence Air employee Tim Hawk waves to one of the carrier's last flights out of Knoxville, Tenn., on Thursday.

into a discount airline that would eventually serve 36 markets from its Dulles hub. Parent company FLYi, Inc., filed for bankruptcy Nov. 7.

Analysts said Thursday that high fuel costs and low passenger loads in the months preceding the bankruptcy filing prompted the company to reduce its ambitious flight schedule. Some markets which once had a dozen or more flights each day were served by only a few flights in recent days. DERRILL HOLLY (AP)

Stern to Get \$220M in Sirius Stock

NEW YORK | Sirius Satellite Radio Inc. will give Howard Stern 34 million shares of stock — worth about \$220 million at today's prices — because the company has met agreed-upon targets for gaining new subscribers under its 2004 deal with the shock jock.

In a regulatory filing Thursday, Sirius said its subscriber count as of Dec. 31, 2005, exceeded the target it had agreed upon with Stern when it

made a five-year deal with him.

At the time, Sirius said its deal with Stern would be worth about \$100 million per year beginning in 2006. The 34.4 million shares were worth about \$110 million then, but the stock has roughly doubled since then.



Stern

Stern begins his new show on Sirius on Jan. 9, having left his longtime employer Infinity Broadcasting, which has been renamed CBS Radio.

New York-based Sirius didn't say what subscriber target it had agreed to with Stern, but it also announced Thursday that it finished 2005 with more than 3.3 million subscribers, compared with 1.1 million at the end of 2004. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Calgon	6.94	+.93	+15.5
MensW s	33.25	+4.08	+14.0
GameStB	34.30	+3.89	+12.8
StarGas	2.09	+.22	+11.8
GameStp	37.31	+3.86	+11.5

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
NtwkEq	4.01	-.47	-10.5
PaylShoe	22.39	-2.44	-9.8
SabnR	42.52	-4.35	-9.3
HarvNRes	8.00	-.69	-7.9
SthnCopp	69.33	-5.26	-7.1

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Nuvelo	12.67	+3.66	+40.6
LightPth	2.50	+.64	+34.4
Dai Eir s	57.00	+10.91	+23.7
Gentiva	17.76	+3.32	+23.0
Rambus	22.23	+3.74	+20.2

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
FX Ener	6.07	-2.19	-26.5
TriplCrw n	7.20	-1.62	-18.4
EmpireRst	7.06	-1.15	-14.0
AmLocker	4.79	-.64	-11.8
Il-VI s	15.50	-1.94	-11.1

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	7.25	7.25
Fed Funds close	4.25	4.1875
3-month	4.11	3.91
2-year	4.32	4.37
10-year	4.36	4.36
30-year	4.55	4.51

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5700	.5688	.5305
Canadian Dollar	1.1631	1.1474	1.2264
European Euro	.8262	.8249	.7542
Japanese Yen	115.85	115.95	104.09
Mexican Peso	10.6240	10.5580	11.3600
Taiwanese Dollar	32.00	32.33	32.05

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Pharmacy Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
Allergan	109.34	-.96	+1.3
AstraZen	50.78	-.45	+4.5
BarrPhm	64.48	+.86	+3.5
BrMySq	22.63	...	-1.5
ForestLab	40.55	-.49	-.3
Hospira	44.66	+.66	+4.4
IvaxCorp	31.15	-.17	-.6
JohnJn	62.32	-.26	+3.7
LillyEli	57.39	+.31	+1.4
Merck	33.18	+.05	+4.3
MylanLab	20.72	+.80	+3.8
Pfizer	24.58	+.03	+5.4
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TELEVISION

Host With the Most: In a surprise move, Jon Stewart is tapped to host this year's Academy Awards telecast | **20**

Entertainment Weekend

Love Means Nothing

Woody Allen doesn't quite return to form with 'Match Point'

FILM | Since it first screened at the Cannes Film Festival in May, "Match Point" has been hailed as a return to form for Woody Allen, his best film in a decade.

But it's as if critics and fans of his long and esteemed filmography want to see something that isn't there; maybe it's wishful thinking, the power of suggestion, sheer osmosis, whatever.

Elements of the film certainly do recall the best of Allen's work, with its intellectual, cultured characters (visiting museums and attending the opera in London, rather than his usual setting of New York) and its complicated romantic entanglements.

Jonathan Rhys Meyers plays a social-climbing tennis pro who befriends a wealthy student at the club (Matthew Goode) and marries his sister (Emily Mortimer), all the while pursuing a torturous affair with his fiancée (Scarlett Johansson).

But there is one specific film of his that "Match Point" resembles



TENNIS COURTING: Scarlett Johansson and Jonathan Rhys Meyers fall in forbidden love in Allen's cynical romance.

most: "Crimes and Misdemeanors," one of his best, which only reveals how inferior this is by comparison. Allen revisits some of the same plot points and themes from that Oscar-nominated 1989 movie (Johansson

fills in for Anjelica Huston as the demanding, doomed mistress) but he does so in the most superficial way.

As the writer-director turns 70, he's taken a glossy, almost cynical

approach to the material — as if he'd gotten so caught up in the stylistic trappings of his new surroundings that he neglected any semblance of substance or depth.

CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

'Matador': Males Bonding

Pierce Brosnan winks at his spy past in a darkly funny thriller

FILM | Pierce Brosnan stars as a cynical, washed-up, irresistible cad of a hit man in "The Matador."

We know Brosnan's Julian Noble is devilish from the first time we see him with tattoos and a bad mustache, waking up in a hotel bed with an empty bottle of Maker's Mark on the nightstand on one side and a naked woman on the other.

In "The Matador," writer-director

Richard Shepard has crafted for Brosnan and Greg Kinnear a breezy, stylish, darkly funny thriller that transcends the clichés of the mismatched-buddy movie genre.

Julian goes down to Mexico City to perform a job, something he's done expertly for the past 22 years, but lately with less enthusiasm. While he's there he meets Kinnear's Danny Wright, an optimistic, straight-laced Denver businessman, at the hotel bar.

Danny sees Julian as dangerous and exciting and finds himself unexpectedly fascinated by his

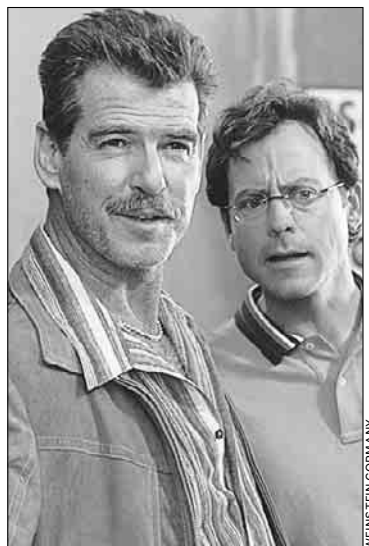
globe-trotting lifestyle; Julian sees allure in the stability and normalcy of Danny's suburban existence.

We know they will change each others' lives, but the journey is the destination here, and it hops from Mexico City to Vienna, Moscow, Budapest and back to Denver.

"You a spy, something like that?" Danny asks, an acknowledgment of Brosnan's best-known screen role.

Julian reveals that he prefers to think of himself as a "facilitator of fatalities." "I do what I'm asked to do," he adds.

CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)



THE GRASS IS GREENER: Brosnan and Kinnear as mismatched buddies.

Got Plans?

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Any ideas on a Tryst-like place in Virginia — Alexandria, especially? I love Tryst, but it's such a pain to park there and it's a bit far away. Hm, that's a tough one. Misha's is the closest you'll get in Alexandria or Murky Coffee in Arlington.

Misha's Coffee Roaster Coffeehouse, 102 S. Patrick St., Alexandria; 703-548-4089.

Murky Coffee, 3211 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-312-7001.

Has anyone been to the PostSecret exhibition in Georgetown. If so, is it worth seeing before it closes?

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My boyfriend, who just moved here, is an amazing guitarist and composer. What are the most prominent, well-attended and most talented open-mic nights around the metro area?

Jammin' Java is probably your best bet. Staccato could work pretty well, too. Anyone out there have any favorites?

Jammin' Java, 231 Maple Ave., Vienna; 703-255-1566.

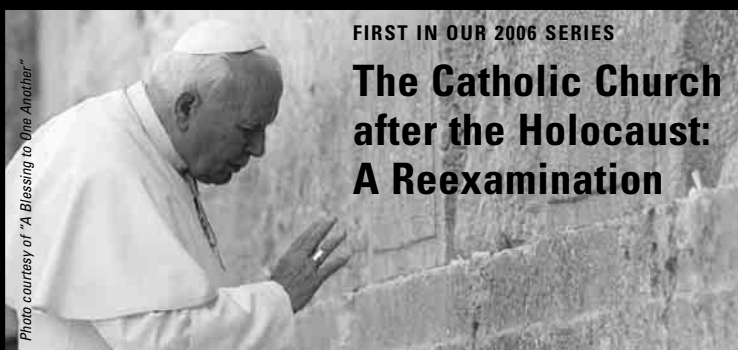
Staccato, 2006 18th St. NW; 202-232-2228.

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Weekend | Entertainment

→ Club Picks

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FRIDAY

When it's cold outside, the D.C. club scene may experience a little shrinkage, but there are a few area spots that know how to keep things hot.

Localjammers **VIRGINIA COALITION** — or VACO to acronym-obsessed fans — turn up the heat at the 9:30 Club with fellow Alexandria-based, pop-and-jazz-influenced rockers **JACK'S HOUSE** (opening with a special acoustic set).

Meanwhile, over at Iota **BIO RITMO** serves up classic salsa with a synthesized modern take sure to get your body in motion and ward off frostbite. Though if you'd rather tango, grab a partner, any partner, and head to Baltimore's Lyric Opera House where chamber ensemble **QUINTANGO** dishes out body heat for lovers and strangers alike.

Or maybe just warm your soul with funk-cultivator **MUSTAFA AKBAR** at the Black Cat. And if after all this you still feel a chill, DC9's **LIBERATION DANCE PARTY** with special guest DJ



WHAT'S IN A NAME: It's hard to tell, with Christopher Richards aka Ris Paul Ric.

Eddy Perez promises sweat well into the small hours.

SATURDAY

Keep the flame burning with Christopher Paul Richards — formerly of Q and Not U fame — in his latest form as **RIS PAUL RIC**. If his nostalgia for '80s electro-funk doesn't leave you feeling all tingly inside, his affinity for '70s Brazilian tropicalia will certainly quicken your pulse. He's joined by other local, sound-morphing rock pioneers: **SUPERSYSTEM** (formerly El Guapo) and **FRENCH TOAST**.

If you prefer your heat-inducers

more curvy, be **ELECTROTEASED** by the girls of Biserious Productions at DC9 as they bring the hottest in electro synth-pop to a party near you; guest DJ Mattie Safer sparks the turntables with regulars James F*cking Friedman, DJ Ca\$\$idy and DJ People's Champion.

SUNDAY

And while we suggest you use Sunday as a cool-down session, we know some of you can't help but blaze-on. For this agitated set there's **THE ELECTRIC POSSIBLE**, an experiment in sound, at GWU's Phillips Hall. **DARON WILLIAMS (EXPRESS)**

Roughing It Abroad

Eli Roth and Quentin Tarantino unleash a disturbing horror film

FILM | Eli Roth won't just show you a chainsaw severing fingers. He'll also show you the stumps falling on the floor and the partial paw that remains.

"Hostel" achieves its goal: to make you squirm. Few horror movies are truly disturbing. This one is.

Roth ("Cabin Fever") continues to reveal himself as a filmmaker beyond his 33 years. The film's executive producer, Quentin Tarantino, agrees.

Nothing violent occurs in the



The kids in "Hostel" regret taking that third year off to backpack in Europe.

first half of the film: Twenty-something American friends in Europe smoke hash and chase women.

You'd swear you wandered into a sex comedy.

Then a stranger encourages them to take the train to Slovakia, where there's a hostel with women who will do everything imaginable.

Everything falls into the pair's laps — until they find themselves handcuffed in a dungeon with a variety of tools and wild-eyed people.

"Hostel" is dizzying in the violence it depicts, but it's also surprising in its ability to garner sympathy for obnoxious characters.

Torture as sport — you have to admire Roth for the daring and creativity with which he illustrates that concept.

CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)



Entertainment | Weekend

Now Playing

AEON FLUX (PG-13, 95 minutes) Played by Charlize Theron in leather and spike heels, our title character works for the "Monican" underground against the police-state society of Bregna, some 400 years from now. After an "industrial disease" wiped out 99 percent of the world's population in 2011, a leader known as Trevor Goodchild (Marton Csokas) and his brother Oren (Jonny Lee Miller) developed a cure. Now there are 5 million in Bregna, a city whose walls protect them from the blight outside. Aeon gets her marching orders to destroy the central spying hub and assassinate Trevor. Theron is appropriately slinky and gymnastic, but with the exception of a few action scenes, this movie is surprisingly draggy. (DT)

BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R, 134 minutes) From the moment Ennis Del Mar (Heath Ledger) and Jack Twist (Jake Gyllenhaal) meet while applying for jobs herding sheep in Wyoming, it's just a matter of when, not if. That consummation is a brief, violent, loveless episode that over their first summer together becomes an idyll of half-naked wrestling, nuzzling by the campfire and fist fights that end in an embrace. They won't meet again until four years later, and over the next several years, the two men will have to be satisfied with fishing trips on Brokeback Mountain during which no fish will be caught. Ledger is especially impressive as the withdrawn, emotionally stunted Ennis. As a tragic evocation of the costs of homophobia — not just to closeted gay people but to their families and loved ones — the film is indeed a watershed. But as a testament to the importance of following one's passion, it's devoid of one crucial thing: passion. (AH)

CAPOTE (R, 98 minutes) It is a comical image: fey, mincing, piping little Truman Capote in his cashmere scarf tiptoeing around the bleak wheat-field burg of Holcomb, Kan., in the wake of some horrific murders about which he admits he doesn't really care. As Capote, Philip Seymour Hoffman makes you believe in the man: an artist's personality, ruthless and shrewd; a hysteric's delicate grasp of his emotions; a charmer whose wiles could wear down even the wary Kansas lawmen. (SH)

CASANOVA (R, 108 minutes) Poor Casanova — expelled from a seminary, forced out of Rome, exiled from Venice,



BECOMING: Philip Seymour Hoffman eerily channels the famed writer in "Capote."

Sunday in The Washington Post



More Sitcoms? Yay! Premieres aren't just for fall anymore; the midseason replacements are coming to networks near you. | *TVWeek*

Deaf to Beethoven? Tim Page has a guide for classical-music novices. Also, save \$1,000 in 100 days; airboarding in Canaan Valley. | *Sunday Source*

all for drink, debauchery and other scandalous behavior. He was also afflicted with sexual diseases, hounded by the Inquisition and, for his manuscripts on magic, sentenced to five years in a stifling, lead-lined cell. All this retribution, however, was nothing compared with the indignity the 18th-century lothario would suffer three centuries later. This film, starring Heath Ledger, not only fetters the randy Venetian in political correctness, it condemns him to dwell inside the modern equivalent of a bad Shakespeare play. (DT)

CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN 2 (PG, 100 minutes) Big changes are afoot for the Bakers in a sequel that adds little more than a numeral to this good-natured but dull franchise. For Tom (Steve Martin) and Kate (Bonnie Hunt), their once closely knit family of 12 is unraveling. Tom persuades the clan to make one last sentimental trip to Lake Winnetka, where they discover that their dear, old lake house is more decrepit than they remembered, while their perennial rivals, an eight-kid family called the Murtaughs, have installed a McMansion across the water. Tom and Murtaugh leader Jimmy (Eugene Levy) reprise their long-standing tension. This is definitely a family trip to stay home and skip. (DT)

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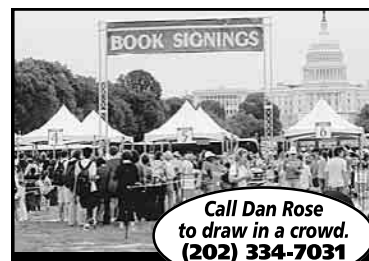
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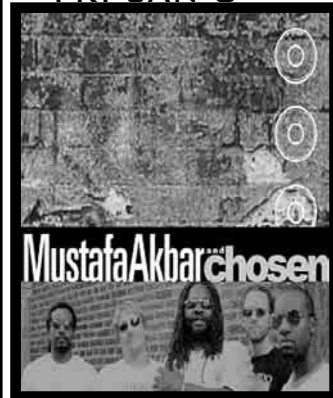
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THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE (PG, 140 minutes) Andrew Adamson's sterling version of the perdurable C.S. Lewis classic of children's fantasy is well told, handsome, stirring and loads of fun. Taken at face value, the film decodes into a kind of dashing view of colonialism for the pre-pubescent set, an empire-and-faith fable set in a fantasy world whose relation to the real one will be, for adults, its most fascinating element. For kids, the pleasure will be in some of the best special effects of the year. And for both, the overarching endearment will be a narrative, which speeds through its two-hour-plus running time. Of note, the movie rides its PG rating right to the very edge; its evocation of animal death and battlefield mayhem and jeopardy to children is extremely powerful, and some kids may find it disturbing. (SH)

THE FAMILY STONE (PG-13, 102 minutes) Braying, self-righteous, predictable, morally superior and, worst of all,

loud, the Stones are the subject of this film, which means to celebrate them but only denigrates. They live the good life in a generic Northeastern suburb, and the ordeal that unites them in scorn and smugness this Christmas season is the arrival of favorite and most successful son Everett (Dermot Mulroney) with his soon-to-be fiancée, Meredith (Sarah Jessica Parker). There are many ways to define the shrieking awfulness of this movie, from the general lack of wit to the cheap exploitation of cancer to its casual cruelty, but it's the casting that really goes haywire. (SH)

FUN WITH DICK AND JANE (PG-13, 90 minutes) This remake of the 1977 comedy stars Jim Carrey and Téa Leoni as an overextended, upwardly mobile California couple, and for the first hour it captures with breezy humor and quick, goofy vignettes the angst of the upper-middle manager at the turn of the 21st century. Dick and Jane Harper are McMansion millionaires, with their assets tied up in an overpriced house and a fat pension plan with Dick's company, which goes bust. Meanwhile, Jane has decided to quit her job as a travel agent. It takes a few months before Dick hits on the idea of stealing. Though instantly forgettable, it lives up to its title: It's fun, and that's fine. (AH)

GOOD NIGHT, AND GOOD LUCK (PG-13, 93 minutes) George Clooney, who directed and co-wrote, retells the story of crusading journalist Ed Murrow, who stood up to braying political bully Joe McCarthy. The stylizations of '50s TV drama, including black-and-white cinematography, are terrific. Clooney casts himself as Murrow's producer, Fred W. Friendly, but hardly registers. Neither do any of the other CBS minions, even though they're played by such names as Jeff Daniels, Robert Downey Jr. and

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Patricia Clarkson. Only two people register, David Strathairn as Murrow and Joe McCarthy as Joe McCarthy. Strathairn dominates the movie with furious intelligence, guts, will and nobility. (SH)

HARRY POTTER AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE (PG-13, 160 minutes) This is probably the most engaging Potter film of the series thus far. Our central character, Hogwarts student Harry Potter (Daniel Radcliffe) is possibly more intimidated by girls than by dragons. Harry just got drafted, mysteriously, into the international Triwizard Tournament. As if that wasn't enough, a large skull-and-snake apparition has appeared in the skies, a signal that the evil Lord Voldemort (Ralph Fiennes) has returned. Readers of the J.K. Rowling novels may be disappoint-



STICK-UP: Jim Carrey and Téa Leoni as larcenous lovers in "Dick and Jane."

ed that many details from the book have been altered or omitted. But as long as those readers appreciate large-scale action and smaller-scale interaction, they'll be happy. (DT)

KING KONG (PG-13, 187 minutes) Sticking close to the original, both in story and milieu, this film features Jack Black as energetic film entrepreneur Carl Denham, who hires a tramp steamer, tricks playwright Jack Driscoll (Adrien Brody), movie star Bruce Baxter (Kyle Chandler) and untested actress Ann Darrow (Naomi Watts) into joining him on Skull Island, where he plans to shoot a film against a heretofore unseen background. There he discovers a 25-foot-tall ape whom the natives call Kong and to whom they offer apparently virgin-bride sacrifices. But Kong sees Darrow and falls in hot monkey love. The movie is full of mesmerization, astonishment, thrills, chills, spills, kills and ills, a big monkey picture show

that's certainly the best popular entertainment of the year. (SH)

MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA (PG-13, 120 minutes) This movie is everything you'd expect it to be: beautiful, mesmerizing, tasteful, Japanese. It's just not very hot. Derived from Arthur Golden's phenomenally successful novel, it's the story of Sayuri Nitta (Ziyi Zhang), born Chiyo, the daughter of a poor fisherman who becomes one of Japan's most revered geishas in the 1930s. It stars three of the world's most beautiful women — Zhang, Gong Li and Michelle Yeoh — and it's set in the inner world of the geisha. Yet it just sits there, glorious but never remotely enticing. (SH)

MUNICH (R, 140 minutes) Steven Spielberg's new film focuses on a small Israeli killing team tasked with hunting and destroying the Palestinian Black September planners of the Munich mas

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sacre of 1972 — in which 11 members of the Israeli Olympic team were held hostage and killed — across Europe and the Middle East. The team seeks, finds, plans, kills, flees; and then it begins again. The names are supplied by Israeli intelligence; the team members take it on faith that they are serving justice, not vengeance, but the doubt begins to wear on them. So give the movie credit for its rigor in facing this depressing problem. But in a somewhat crude attempt to impose a suspenseful

structure, the narrative memories of the Munich massacre are inserted throughout. Somehow a massacre of unarmed innocents that shocked the world should be more than just fodder for ginning up the tension at the end of a commercial movie. (SH)

PRIDE & PREJUDICE (PG, 128 minutes) This version of Jane Austen's fabled story, in which Lizzie Bennet and Mr. Darcy begin as fiery opponents and end up as married lovers, is not quite the taming of a shrew, because in Austen's worldview, leading ladies of beauty and wit weren't shrews and never had to be tamed, but merely loved and respected, and good things would follow. That's



GROWING PAINS: Harry and Hermione negotiate new wizarding challenges as well as those of puberty in "Goblet of Fire."

the main trajectory of this film, starring Keira Knightley as Elizabeth and Matthew MacFadyen as the initially dour, snotty Mr. Darcy. (SH)

THE PRODUCERS (PG-13, 134 minutes) Nathan Lane and Matthew Broderick reprise their Broadway roles as long-time producer Max Bialystock (Lane) and naive accountant Leo Bloom (Broderick), who realize that it's possible to make more money on a flop than on a hit, by oversubscribing investments. Of course they fail completely by succeeding wildly. So how good is the movie of the musical of the movie? It's pretty good. It's too long to be great and it's too square to be great and it's too loud to be great and it finds homosexual effeminacy too funny to ever be called great, but I can't imagine anyone coming out sadder than they went in. (SH)

THE RINGER (PG-13, 99 minutes) On the one hand, the movie wants credit for its audaciousness as it stoops to lampoon the athletes of the Special Olympics and uses that worthy entity in the cruelest and most cynical of ways by postulating a normal fellow faking mental retardation to cop an easy victory. In this guise, it lets Johnny Knoxville run around drooling and yipping and pretending to be mentally challenged. On the other hand, it is terrified of going too far, so even as it advances, it retreats, hastily assuring viewers not to take it seriously. The result of being torn between here and there is being stuck nowhere. (SH)

RUMORHASIT (R, 97 minutes) The fictional Mrs. Robinson, whose affair with 21-

year-old Benjamin Braddock is the high point of the 1967 film "The Graduate," would be horrified to watch this lifeless romantic comedy that uses her liaison for its torturous premise. Sarah Huttering (Jennifer Aniston) is surprised to learn that her grandmother, Katharine (Shirley MacLaine), was the real-life inspiration for Mrs. Robinson, who slept with younger man Beau Burroughs (Kevin Costner),



Uma Thurman plays Ulla the sexy Swedish secretary in "The Producers."

who, it turns out, was also a paramour of Sarah's mother. Shocked at the possibility that Beau could be her own father, Sarah tracks him down. The larger part of the film is taken up with their meeting and the strange courtship that follows. (DT)

SARAH SILVERMAN: JESUS IS MAGIC (R, 72 minutes) When it comes to Sarah

Silverman, the best thing to do is simply sit back and listen. The fact that she shouldn't be saying those things and you shouldn't be laughing at them makes it even more deliciously painful. There are song parodies, trips backstage, but it's all just filler to stretch 40 golden minutes of inspired stand-up to 72 minutes. You sit there thinking, good lord, does she mean it? She can't mean it! (SH)

THE SQUID AND THE WHALE (R, 81 minutes) Set in Brooklyn in 1986, this movie is piercing and forthright. When Bernard (Jeff Daniels) and Joan (Laura Linney) Berkman inform their children, 16-year-old Walt (Jesse Eisenberg) and 12-year-old Frank (Owen Kline), they're getting a divorce, it's the beginning of an emotional whirlwind for four very different people. The movie is so brutally honest at times, you can almost sense the real Baumbachs squirming, twitching, tut-tutting and maybe even nodding their heads. Whatever their reaction, this story doesn't just belong to them anymore. This richly observed, sometimes heartbreaking movie has become ours, too. (DT)

SYRIANA (R, 126 minutes) George Clooney plays CIA operative Bob Barnes, an avuncular career agent who used to know where all the bodies were buried — mainly because he did most of the digging. In the 1980s, the Cold War made things morally easy, but the CIA no longer needs seasoned agents like him; it's all satellite reconnaissance and missile button pushing these days. This is a premium-octane thriller about a society

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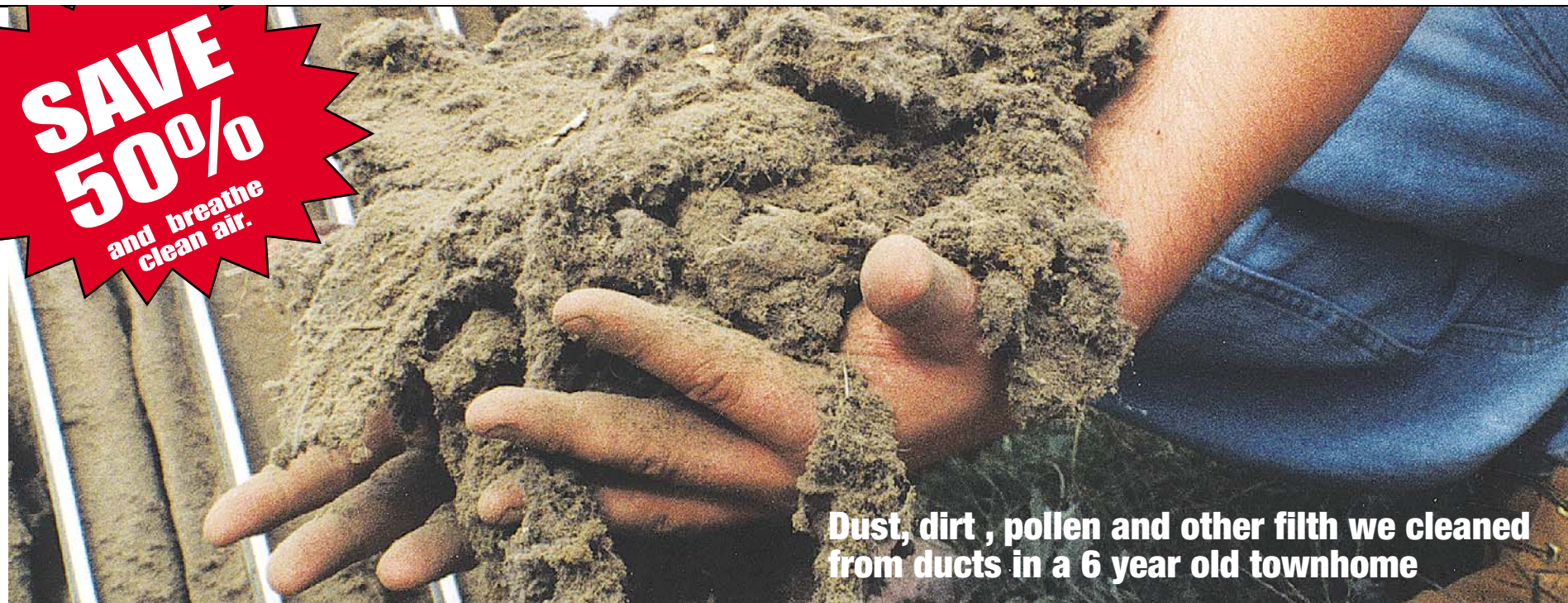
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that has become insidiously dependent on oil. What's so powerful about the film is the rich stories it tells and how it leads them like so many human tributaries to one black, bubbling source. (DT)

TRANSAMERICA (R, 103 minutes) As Bree Osbourne, a preoperative male-to-female transsexual, Felicity Huffman dives down the rabbit hole as a woman, pulling the challenge off with skill, aplomb and deep compassion. Bree, born and raised as Stanley, is on the verge of a long-awaited operation to finalize a process that began long ago. Her plan is foiled, however, by a collect phone call from a juvenile correctional facility; it seems that a brief liaison as Stanley several years ago resulted in the birth of a son. Bree travels to New York and helps him, which sends the two main characters down colorful by-ways and into whimsical situations. (AH)

WALK THE LINE (PG-13, 136 minutes) This movie gets off to a promising start, sure to raise goose bumps, at the gates of Folsom Prison in 1968. The camera makes its way slowly into the jail, and finally, after an excruciating, exhilarating eternity, we see Johnny Cash — played, in an uncanny performance, by Joaquin Phoenix — as he drinks a glass of water and contemplates a buzz saw. We're hooked, and he hasn't sung a note. Unfortunately, for all its good music and admirable vocal impersonations, the movie slides downhill from there. (AH)

WALLACE & GROMIT: THE CURSE OF THE WERE-RABBIT (G, 85 minutes) Directed by Nick Park and Steve Box, the feature film debut of Wallace and Gromit opens with the dotty English inventor and his quietly superior dog working at yet another ingenious business called Anti-Pesto, which humanely removes four-legged

creatures from their town's vegetable gardens. Things are just swell until the gardens are vandalized by the King Kong of rabbits. Gromit, who might be the most expressive silent movie star since Buster Keaton, is pure magic. (AH)

WOLF CREEK (R, 99 minutes) Threetwenty-something vagabonds leave the sybaritic coast and head inland, their goal being the Wolf Creek Crater. The curse they run into way out in nowhere is the one you can run into on any city street: a nut with a gun and a knife. And that's it: The bad guy tortures them and lets them have it one at a time. (SH)

YOURS, MINE & OURS (PG, 88 minutes) Dennis Quaid plays Frank Beardsley, a Coast Guard officer, widower and loving father of eight. At a high school reunion, he meets and falls back in love with former sweetheart Helen North (Rene Russo), who has 10 children and, like Frank, is widowed. When Frank and Helen impulsively get married, parenting systems collide. The storyline is so familiar, the audience can practically call out scenes ahead of time. (DT)

ZATHURA (PG, 102 minutes) Based on the book by Chris Van Allsburg, this movie introduces us to 6-year-old Danny (Jonah Bobo) and 10-year-old Walter (Josh Hutcherson). One day, Danny discovers Zathura, an old-fashioned board game with a windup key, a "Go" button and a miniature spaceship that whirs along the game board. That little spaceship springs to life and — ding! — up pops a card with a message: "Meteor Shower — Take Evasive Action." The movie has an almost antique charm, which recalls the 1950s sci-fi movies. (DT)



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CASANOVA (R) ✓ 2:30, 5:00, 7:50, 10:25
RUMOR HAS IT (PG13) 4:20, 7:10, 9:45, 12:05
MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA (PG13) 12:30, 3:30, 6:55, 10:40
MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA (PG13) ✓ 12:30, 3:30, 6:55, 10:40
THE RINGER (PG13) 1:30, 7:05
CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN 2 (PG) 2:10, 4:40, 7:25, 9:55
FUN WITH DICK & JANE (PG13) 12:35, 2:55, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15, 12:10
BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) ✓ 12:40, 4:05, 7:15, 10:35
THE FAMILY STONE (PG13) 1:50, 4:25, 7:35, 10:10
KING KONG (PG13) 4:00, 6:30, 8:00, 10:30, 11:50
THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) 1:00, 3:15, 4:15, 7:30, 10:45
SYRIANA (R) 4:10, 9:40
HARRY POTTER 4 (PG13) 12:45 PM

SPRINGFIELD MALL 10

Loisdale and Franconia Road
703-971-3991

THE PRODUCERS (PG13) 1:10, 4:00, 7:05, 9:55
THE PRODUCERS (PG13) ✓ 1:10, 4:00, 7:05, 9:55
GRANDMA'S BOY (R) ✓ 1:50, 5:00, 8:00, 10:20
HOSTEL (R) ✓ 1:20, 4:15, 7:15, 10:00
MUNICH (R) 12:15, 3:35, 7:00, 10:20
RUMOR HAS IT (PG13) 1:40, 4:40, 7:30, 9:50
WOLF CREEK (R) 7:45, 10:10
CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN 2 (PG) 1:30, 4:30, 7:00, 9:40
FUN WITH DICK & JANE (PG13) 1:15, 4:45, 7:40, 9:55
KING KONG (PG13) 12:30, 4:20, 8:15
THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) 12:45, 4:00, 7:15, 10:15
HARRY POTTER 4 (PG13) 1:00, 4:20

RIVERTOWNE 12

Exit 4A I-95, 1/2 mi. on Oxon Hill Rd.
703-998-4AMC

BLOODRAYNE (R) 4:20, 7:50, 10:20
GRANDMA'S BOY (R) 4:10, 7:40, 10:20
HOSTEL (R) 5:00, 8:00, 10:30
RUMOR HAS IT (PG13) 7:50, 10:10
WOLF CREEK (R) 4:00, 7:30, 10:00
THE RINGER (PG13) 5:10, 8:00, 10:45
CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN 2 (PG) 5:00, 8:10, 10:40
FUN WITH DICK & JANE (PG13) 5:10, 8:10, 10:40
KING KONG (PG13) 4:50, 9:00
THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) 4:30, 7:30, 10:30
SYRIANA (R) 4:40, 7:40, 10:45
YOURS, MINE & OURS (PG) 4:50
HARRY POTTER 4 (PG13) 3:50, 7:00, 10:10

COUNTRY CLUB MALL 6

Country Club Mall on Vocke Rd near Route 68.
703-998-4AMC

RUMOR HAS IT (PG13) 4:30, 7:15, 9:35
THE RINGER (PG13) 4:45, 7:45, 10:15
CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN 2 (PG) 4:15, 7:45, 10:05
FUN WITH DICK & JANE (PG13) 5:00, 7:30, 9:45
KING KONG (PG13) 4:00, 8:00
THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) 4:00, 7:00, 10:05

POTOMAC MILLS 18

2700 Potomac Mills Circle, Ste 886
703-998-4262

MATCH POINT (R) ✓ 1:30, 4:25, 7:20, 10:20
THE PRODUCERS (PG13) 12:45, 3:50, 7:00, 10:10
GRANDMA'S BOY (R) ✓ 12:25, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:50
HOSTEL (R) ✓ 12:50, 3:10, 5:40, 8:10, 10:50
MUNICH (R) 12:00, 3:20, 6:50, 10:20
CASANOVA (R) ✓ 1:50, 5:00, 7:40, 10:30
RUMOR HAS IT (PG13) 1:05, 3:20, 5:50, 8:20, 10:45
WOLF CREEK (R) 2:25, 5:50, 8:20, 10:45
MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA (PG13) 1:00, 4:10, 7:20, 10:35
MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA (PG13) ✓ 1:00, 4:10, 7:20, 10:35
THE RINGER (PG13) 12:30, 3:00, 5:25, 8:30, 10:55
CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN 2 (PG) 2:10, 4:30, 7:00, 9:20
FUN WITH DICK & JANE (PG13) 12:10, 2:30, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00
THE FAMILY STONE (PG13) 12:20, 2:30, 4:45, 7:50, 10:25
KING KONG (PG13) 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:15, 8:00, 10:15
THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) 12:20, 1:10, 3:30, 4:20, 6:40, 7:10, 9:50, 10:25
SYRIANA (R) 7:50, 10:40
HARRY POTTER 4 (PG13) 12:40, 4:10

MAZZA GALLERIE

Jenifer and Wisconsin
202-537-9553

MATCH POINT (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
THE PRODUCERS (PG13) 12:45, 3:45, 6:45, 9:45
CASANOVA (R) 12:05, 2:35, 5:05, 7:35, 10:05
RUMOR HAS IT (PG13) 12:00, 2:25, 4:35, 7:05, 9:35
FUN WITH DICK & JANE (PG13) 12:20, 2:30, 4:45, 7:25, 9:30
FUN WITH DICK & JANE (PG13) ✓ 12:20, 2:30, 4:45, 7:25, 9:30
THE FAMILY STONE (PG13) 12:15, 2:40, 5:00, 7:30, 9:55
WALK THE LINE (PG13) 12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:40

COURTHOUSE PLAZA 8

Courthouse and Birch Rd.
703-998-4AMC

THE PRODUCERS (PG13) ✓ 12:20, 4:10, 7:15, 10:15
HOSTEL (R) ✓ 12:40, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:50
MUNICH (R) 12:00, 3:30, 7:00, 10:30
WOLF CREEK (R) ✓ 10:45 PM
MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA (PG13) 12:30, 4:00, 7:20, 10:40
THE RINGER (PG13) 7:50, 10:20
THE FAMILY STONE (PG13) 12:15, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10
THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) 12:10, 1:00, 3:20, 4:20, 6:30, 7:45, 9:45
HARRY POTTER 4 (PG13) 1:10, 4:30

ACADEMY 8

Beltway Plaza on Greenbelt Rd., Center Court
703-998-4AMC

GRANDMA'S BOY (R) ✓ 2:30, 5:00, 7:40, 10:10
HOSTEL (R) ✓ 2:00, 4:40, 7:30, 10:00
RUMOR HAS IT (PG13) 2:40, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20
WOLF CREEK (R) 2:10, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40
CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN 2 (PG) 1:50, 4:20, 7:00, 9:20
FUN WITH DICK & JANE (PG13) 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
KING KONG (PG13) 1:20, 5:10, 9:10
THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) 1:30, 4:40, 8:00

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Adv. Tix on Sale COACHELLA PREMIERE (R) - ID REQ'D ★
 HOSTEL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1200 230 455) 720 950 1205
 GRANDMA'S BOY (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1205 235 505) 735 1015 1230
 WOLF CREEK (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (415) 1005 1225
 THE PRODUCERS (PG-13) DIG (1255 350) 700 1000
 RUMOR HAS IT (PG-13) DIG (1215 255 510) 730 950 1205
 MUNICH (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1200 335) 705 1030
 THE RINGER (PG-13) DIG (1225 245 520) 800 1030
 OC: CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN 2 (PG) DIG (1230)
 CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN 2 (PG) DIG (300 525) 745 1010
 FUN WITH DICK AND JANE (PG-13) DIG (1210 230 445) 715 945 1200

FAMILY STONE (PG-13) DIG (1220 240 515) 740 1005 1220
 KING KONG (PG-13) DIG (100 500) 910
 MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA (PG-13) DIG (1235 400) 715 1025
 SYRIANA (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1240 340) 640 935
 CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) DIG (1245 1250 350) 700 710 1020

BALLSTON COMMON STADIUM 12

Glebe Rd, Arlington 800-FANDANGO 377#
Adv. Tix on Sale COACHELLA PREMIERE (R) - ID REQ'D ★
 MATCH POINT (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1200 245) 710 955
 GRANDMA'S BOY (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1210 230 455) 725 1020
 CASANOVA (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1120 200 445) 730 1000
 RUMOR HAS IT (PG-13) DIG (1150 220 450) 740 1015
 CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN 2 (PG) DIG (1100 120 340) 610 830
 FUN WITH DICK AND JANE (PG-13) DIG (1115 135 355) 625 840
 BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1105 115 205 420 505) 715 810 1010
 KING KONG (PG-13) DIG (1130 110 330 515) 735 930
 SYRIANA (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1125 225 525) 820
 WALK THE LINE (PG-13) DIG (1205 345) 705 1005

BOWIE STADIUM 14

15200 Major Lansdale Blvd 800-FANDANGO 454#
 HOSTEL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (120 220 410 510) 705 805 940 1040 1215
 MUNICH (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1250 430) 810 1200
 BLOODRAYNE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (150 420) 720 950 1220
 GRANDMA'S BOY (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (130 450) 730 1005 1240
 WOLF CREEK (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (425) 1020
 RUMOR HAS IT (PG-13) DIG (125 415) 735 1010 1235
 MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA (PG-13) DIG (135 455) 820 1140
 THE RINGER (PG-13) DIG (155 445) 725 955 1230
 FUN WITH DICK AND JANE (PG-13) DIG (200 435) 715 945 1225
 CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN 2 (PG) DIG (140 440) 750 1025
 FAMILY STONE (PG-13) DIG (115 405) 710 1015
 KING KONG (PG-13) DIG (100 500) 900
 CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) DIG (105 145 505) 700 815 1130

BETHESDA 10

7272 Wisconsin Avenue 800-FANDANGO 569#
 GRANDMA'S BOY (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (115 350) 730 950
 THE PRODUCERS (PG-13) DIG (1215 325) 720 1015
 RUMOR HAS IT (PG-13) DIG (110 420) 715 945
 CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN 2 (PG) DIG (1220 320) 740 1000
 FUN WITH DICK AND JANE (PG-13) DIG (1250 410) 735 955
 FAMILY STONE (PG-13) DIG (1235 405) 720 1010
 KING KONG (PG-13) DIG (1200 400) 800
 SYRIANA (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1230 345) 710 1005
 CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) DIG (1205 100 340 440) 700 750 1010

POTOMAC YARD STADIUM 16

3575 Jefferson Davis Hwy 800-FANDANGO 690#
Adv. Tix on Sale COACHELLA PREMIERE (R) - ID REQ'D ★
 MUNICH (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1140 320) 710 1040
 HOSTEL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1135 1220 205 250 435 520) 705 750 930 1020 1200
 BLOODRAYNE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1200 225 450) 715 940 1200
 CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) DIG (1240 120 350 430) 700 740 1010 1050
 KING KONG (PG-13) DIG (1130 230 330) 630 730 1030 1130
 HARRY POTTER & THE GOBLET OF FIRE (PG-13) DIG (1125 310)
 GRANDMA'S BOY (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1150 220 455) 720 950
 WOLF CREEK (R) - ID REQ'D DIG 655 925 1155
 RUMOR HAS IT (PG-13) DIG (1225 255 525) 755 1025
 THE RINGER (PG-13) DIG (1125 155 420) 645 915 1135
 FUN WITH DICK AND JANE (PG-13) DIG (1205 200 235 425 500) 650 725 920 955 1150
 CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN 2 (PG) DIG (140 410) 640 910 1140
 FAMILY STONE (PG-13) DIG (1210 240 510) 745 1015

COUNTRYSIDE STADIUM 20

45980 Regal Plaza 800-FANDANGO 394#
 BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (110 410) 720 1015
 MATCH POINT (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1240 340) 700 950
 BLOODRAYNE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (240 530) 800 1025
 HOSTEL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1230 300 540) 810 1035
 GRANDMA'S BOY (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (215 500) 745 1015
 CASANOVA (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (220 510) 740 1020
 WOLF CREEK (R) - ID REQ'D DIG 1005
 THE PRODUCERS (PG-13) DIG (1210 330) 640 940
 RUMOR HAS IT (PG-13) DIG (130 415) 650 920
 MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA (PG-13) DIG (1140 250) 615 930
 MUNICH (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1220 420) 820
 THE RINGER (PG-13) DIG (1200 230 550) 815 1040
 CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN 2 (PG) DIG (120 345) 630 900
 FUN WITH DICK AND JANE (PG-13) DIG (140 430) 715 945
 FAMILY STONE (PG-13) DIG (150 440) 730 1000
 KING KONG (PG-13) DIG (1150 1250 350 450) 750 850
 SYRIANA (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1200 320) 620 910
 CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) DIG (100 200 400 520) 710 830 1010
 HARRY POTTER & THE GOBLET OF FIRE (PG-13) DIG (1150 310) 645

ROCKVILLE CENTER STADIUM 13

Rockville Town Center 800-FANDANGO 248#
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 HOSTEL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1200 230 500) 730 955 1220
 MATCH POINT (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1235 330) 715 1010
 CASANOVA (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1240 405) 740 1025
 WOLF CREEK (R) - ID REQ'D DIG 1215
 THE PRODUCERS (PG-13) DIG (1225 350) 705 1030
 RUMOR HAS IT (PG-13) DIG (340) 950
 MUNICH (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1205 335) 710 1045
 CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN 2 (PG) (1205 235 505) 735 1000 1235
 FUN WITH DICK AND JANE (PG-13) DIG (1210 240 510) 745 1005 1225
 BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1230 400) 720 1035
 FAMILY STONE (PG-13) DIG (1210 245 515) 750 1020
 KING KONG (PG-13) DIG (1200 355) 755 1155
 MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA (PG-13) DIG (1220 345) 655 1015
 SYRIANA (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1215) 700
 CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) DIG (1245 410) 725 1040

FAIRFAX TOWNE CENTER 10

4110 W Ox Road 800-FANDANGO 670#
 MATCH POINT (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1210 1240 330 410) 700 730 955 1025
 CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) DIG (1215 1245 345 415) 645 720 950 1030
 KING KONG (PG-13) DIG (1200 1230 400 430) 750 930
 BLOODRAYNE (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (100 420) 740 1015
 RUMOR HAS IT (PG-13) DIG (1240 355) 710 945
 FUN WITH DICK AND JANE (PG-13) DIG (1250 330) 745 1005
 THE RINGER (PG-13) DIG (1220 340) 650 940

GERMANTOWN STADIUM 14

20000 Century Blvd 800-FANDANGO 455#
 KING KONG (PG-13) DIG (1200 345) 745
 MATCH POINT (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (105 420) 720 1015
 MUNICH (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1210 350) 730 1120
 HOSTEL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1215 240 500) 730 1000 1230
 GRANDMA'S BOY (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (115 430) 715 955 1215
 WOLF CREEK (R) - ID REQ'D DIG 1015
 THE PRODUCERS (PG-13) DIG (1250 400) 700 1010
 RUMOR HAS IT (PG-13) DIG (100) 1030
 THE RINGER (PG-13) DIG (1200 215 445) 745 1000 1220
 CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN 2 (PG) DIG (140 410) 740 1020
 FUN WITH DICK AND JANE (PG-13) DIG (1230 300 525) 800 1030
 FAMILY STONE (PG-13) DIG (120) 420 710 945 1210
 MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA (PG-13) DIG (115 445) 720 1025
 CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) DIG (1220 350 430) 700 750 1120
 HARRY POTTER & THE GOBLET OF FIRE (PG-13) DIG (1200 325) 650

UA SNOWDEN SQ STADIUM 14

9161 Commerce Ctr Dr 800-FANDANGO 570#
Adv. Tix on Sale COACHELLA PREMIERE (R) - ID REQ'D ★
 HOSTEL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (215 500) 745 1025
 GRANDMA'S BOY (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (200 515) 815 1030
 CASANOVA (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (115 345) 730 1010
 OC: RUMOR HAS IT (PG-13) DIG (430)
 THE PRODUCERS (PG-13) DIG (100 415) 715 1015
 RUMOR HAS IT (PG-13) DIG 700 930
 MUNICH (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1230 415) 745
 CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN 2 (PG) DIG (145 515) 815 1030
 FUN WITH DICK AND JANE (PG-13) DIG (200 500) 800 1020
 BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1245 400) 715 1015
 FAMILY STONE (PG-13) DIG (115 445) 730 1000
 KING KONG (PG-13) DIG (1230 430) 830
 MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA (PG-13) DIG (1225 330) 645 950
 SYRIANA (R) - ID REQ'D DIG 1000
 CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) DIG (1245 130 400 445) 700 800
 HARRY POTTER & THE GOBLET OF FIRE (PG-13) DIG (100)

MANASSAS STADIUM 14

11380 Bulloch Drive 800-FANDANGO 490#
Adv. Tix on Sale COACHELLA PREMIERE (R) - ID REQ'D ★
 HOSTEL (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1130 155 420) 740 1015
 MATCH POINT (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1235 335) 715 1000
 CASANOVA (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1250 345) 730 1010
 THE PRODUCERS (PG-13) DIG (1225 325) 650 955
 RUMOR HAS IT (PG-13) DIG (1135 200 425) 725 945
 MUNICH (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1120 255) 640 1005
 THE RINGER (PG-13) DIG (1145 205 430) 710 930
 CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN 2 (PG) DIG (1140 210 435) 705 935
 FUN WITH DICK AND JANE (PG-13) DIG (1220 240) 750 1025
 BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1210 315) 700 1000
 FAMILY STONE (PG-13) DIG (1240 310) 630 910
 KING KONG (PG-13) DIG (1200 400) 805
 MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA (PG-13) DIG (1205 320) 635 950
 CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) DIG (100 410) 720 1020

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 ★ **MATCH POINT (R)** (2:20 3:10 4:50) 6:30 7:20 9:30 10:00
MUNICH (R) (5:10) 8:40
THE FAMILY STONE (PG-13) (2:30 4:40) 7:10 9:45
SYRIANA (R) (3:50) 6:50 9:25
WALK THE LINE (PG-13) Rear Window Captioning (3:30) 6:40 9:40
PRIDE & PREJUDICE (PG) (2:50) 9:20
CAPOTE (R) 6:10

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KING KONG (PG-13) (10:30 2:45) 7:00 11:00

GRANDMA'S BOY (R) (2:10 4:45) 7:10 9:45
MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA (PG-13) Rear Window Captioning (2:45) 6:10 9:20
MUNICH (R) (1:00 4:30) 8:10
BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) (2:50) 6:20 9:25
SYRIANA (R) 6:40 9:40
CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE (PG) (12:30 3:30) 6:30 9:30
HARRY POTTER AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE (PG-13) (2:40)

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 3111 K Street, N.W. 202-346-6033

THE PRODUCERS (PG-13) (12:10 3:10) 6:10 9:10
CASANOVA (R) (11:50 3:00 5:40) 8:20 11:00
 ★ **THE MATADOR (R)** (11:40 2:10 4:50) 7:20 9:50
 ★ **MATCH POINT (R)** (11:00 11:55 1:50 2:45 4:40 5:35) 7:30 8:25 10:20 11:15
RUMOR HAS IT... (PG-13) (3:20) 6:20 9:00
MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA (PG-13) (12:30 3:45) 6:50 10:00
MUNICH (R) (12:00 2:30 3:30) 6:00 7:00 9:30 10:30
FUN WITH DICK & JANE (PG-13) (11:10 1:25 3:40 5:55) 8:10 10:25
THE FAMILY STONE (PG-13) (11:20 1:55 4:35) 7:10 9:40
KING KONG (PG-13) Rear Window Captioning (1:10) 6:05 10:05
SYRIANA (R) (1:40 5:00) 7:50 10:50
CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE (PG) (1:00 4:20) 7:35 10:40
HARRY POTTER AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE (PG-13) (11:30)
WALK THE LINE (PG-13) (11:05)

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BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) (12:00 1:00 2:00 3:00 3:30 4:00 5:00) 6:00 6:30 7:00 8:00 9:00 9:30 10:00
CAPOTE (R) (1:30 4:20) 7:10 9:50

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★ **HOSTEL (R)** (11:00 12:30 1:30 4:00) 6:30 7:00 9:00
 ★ **GRANDMA'S BOY (R)** (1:00 3:20 5:40) 8:00 10:20
WOLF CREEK (R) (11:45 2:00 4:15) 6:30 8:45 11:00
THE RINGER (PG-13) (11:30 1:40 3:50) 6:05 8:10 10:30
FUN WITH DICK & JANE (PG-13) (12:50 3:05 5:30) 7:45 10:10
CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN 2 (PG) (1:20 3:40) 6:10 8:30 10:45
KING KONG (PG-13) (2:30 3:00) 6:20 9:30 10:10
CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE (PG) (10:50 1:50 3:50 4:50) 6:50 7:50 9:50 10:50
AEON FLUX (PG-13) (11:10 1:10 3:20 5:35) 7:40 9:45
YOURS, MINE AND OURS (PG) (1:00 3:10 5:20) 7:30 9:40
HARRY POTTER AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE (PG-13) (12:40)

Loews
WHITE FLINT 5
 North Bethesda 310-423-1014

THE PRODUCERS (PG-13) (12:30 3:30) 6:45 10:00
MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA (PG-13) (12:00 3:15) 6:30 9:35
THE FAMILY STONE (PG-13) (12:15 2:45 5:10) 7:30 10:15
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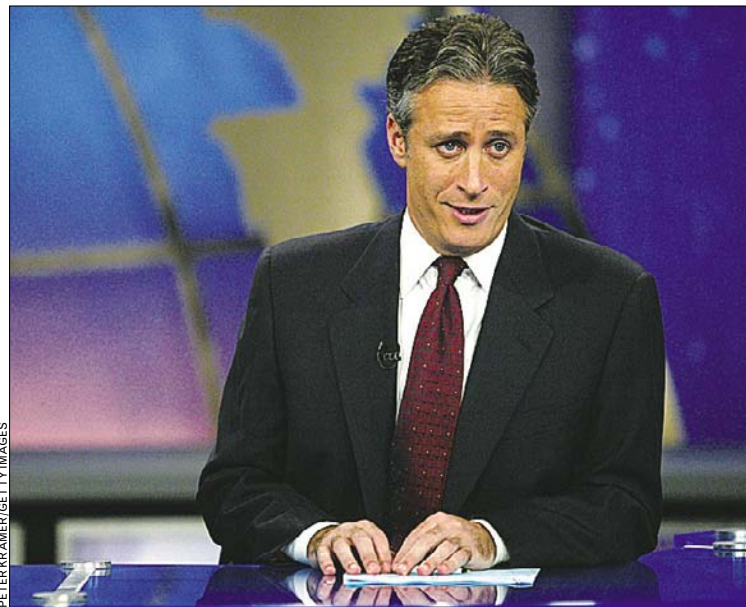


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Television



Speculation, rumor and rejection have dogged this year's search for an Oscar host.

The Duty Goes To ...

Wry Jon Stewart is selected to host this year's Oscar telecast

SURPRISE MOVES | Comedian Jon Stewart has been tapped to host this year's Oscars, the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences announced Thursday.

Stewart, 43, will replace Chris Rock, who hosted the 2005 Academy Awards.

Show producers said Stewart has many of the qualities that previous hosts such as David Letterman, Whoopi Goldberg and Billy Crystal have: "Jon is the epitome of a perfect host — smart, engaging, irreverent and funny," producer Gil Cates said.

Stewart is the host of Comedy Central's "The Daily Show With Jon Stewart," which has earned seven Emmys and a George Foster Peabody Award. He also won the 2005 Thurber Prize for American Humor for his book, "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart Presents America (The Book): A Citizen's Guide to Democracy Inaction."

Stewart also has appeared in several movies, including "The Faculty," "Death to Smoochy" and "Big Daddy."

Typical of the comedian's self-deprecating humor, Stewart said he was pleased to be named the show's host.

"As a performer, I'm truly honored to be hosting the show," Stewart said. "Although, as an avid watcher of the Oscars, I can't help but be a little disappointed with the choice. It appears to be another sad attempt to smoke out Billy Crystal."

Stewart follows a long line of standup comedians who have hosted the Oscars. Speculation swirled after Rock's departure who would replace him. Frequently mentioned candidates included Goldberg, Steve Martin and late-night hosts Jay Leno and Conan O'Brien.

Rock drew younger viewers, but his barbs skewering stars like Jude Law, Tobey Maguire and others alienated some academy members. The 78th annual Academy Awards will air March 5 on ABC from Hollywood. (AP)

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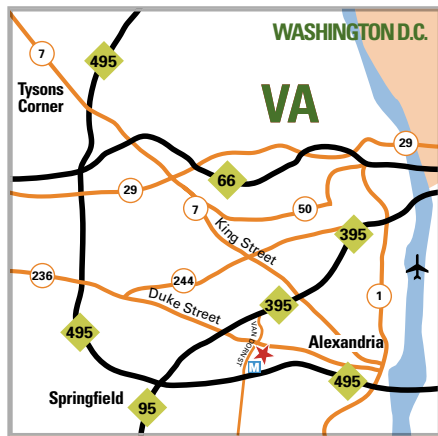
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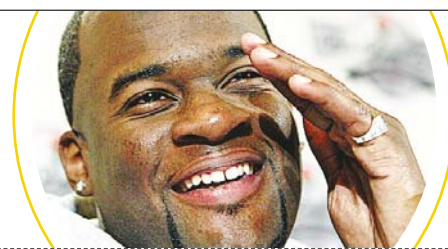
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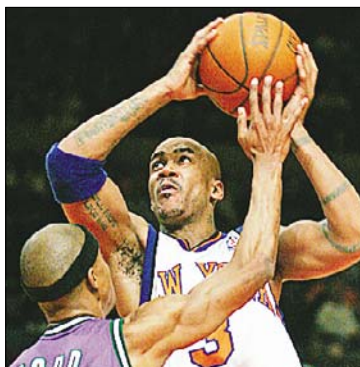
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TV Lineup



The Knicks' Stephon Marbury will get plenty of attention from the Wiz Friday.

→ **MUST WINS:** The slumping Washington Wizards try to regain their winning form against the New York Knicks on the road on Friday (7:30 p.m. on NewsChannel 8) and the Boston Celtics at home on Saturday (7 p.m. on WB50).

→ **GAME OF THE WEEK:** The Redskins play their first playoff game in five years when visiting Tampa Bay on Saturday (4:30 p.m. on ABC).

→ **PLAYOFFS:** The Patriots host Byron Leftwich and the Jacksonville Jaguars Saturday (8 p.m. on ABC); the Giants host the Carolina Panthers Sunday (1 p.m. on Fox) and the Bengals host the Steelers Sunday (4:30 p.m. on CBS).



Leftwich

→ **PHONE BOOTH:** The Capitals face the Philadelphia Flyers Friday (7 p.m. on CSN) and the Florida Panthers Sunday (3 p.m. on WB50) at the MCI Center this weekend.

→ **HURRICANE WARNING:** No. 14 Maryland plays its first ACC game in a month against Miami on Saturday (noon on UPN20).

→ **ROAD TRIP:** Georgetown heads up to New York to face St. John's on Sunday (7 p.m. on NewsChannel 8).

→ **HUGE GAME:** No. 6 Maryland women faces No. 2 Duke on Sunday (1 p.m. on CSN).



OVER THE TOP: Tampa Bay won the first meeting against Washington thanks to Mike Alstott, who scored this touchdown and a late two-point conversion on Nov. 13.

Time to Buc Up

Washington is out for revenge when taking on Tampa in playoffs

REDSKINS | Two months after arguably the toughest loss of their season, the Redskins are getting a hard-earned replay. And this time, they don't want to leave the outcome in the hands of the booth.

Washington (10-6) rebounded from a three-game losing streak to finish the season with five-straight wins and earn the final spot in the NFC playoffs. Saturday, they return to Tampa Bay — the site of the controversial loss that started their midseason tailspin.

In their Nov. 13 matchup, the Bucs (11-5) drove 54 yards for a late touchdown, setting up a game-tying extra point attempt. Washington's Shawn

Springs blocked Matt Bryant's kick, but the 'Skins' jubilation was short-lived as Springs was ruled offside. The penalty moved the ball to the 1-yard line and Tampa Bay coach Jon Gruden elected to go for two and the win. Fullback Mike Alstott crashed over the goal line (or got help from officials, depending on your loyalties) to give Tampa a 36-35 win.

"[The Tampa Bay loss] was tough," linebacker Marcus Washington said. "We really didn't feel like we played our best."

Whether it was a botched snap on a late field goal attempt in the 1999 playoffs or a 38-9 drubbing at the hands of the Raiders in Super Bowl XVIII, Raymond James Stadium has been a house of horrors for the Redskins.

To reverse those fortunes, Washington's offense will have to

3 BURNING QUESTIONS

- **Are they covered?** With Shawn Springs hobbled, Carlos Rogers must stop Joey Galloway.
- **Who wins in the trenches?** The 'Skins will have a tough time if they can't pound Clinton Portis.
- **Special teams surprise?** Ladell Betts returned a kick for a touchdown in their first meeting. A play like that could be the difference Saturday.

run through the league's top-ranked defense. The Redskins made that look easy the first time through, gaining 185 yards on the ground, including 144 by tailback Clinton Portis.

While Portis has been on a tear of late, the Bucs defense has held four of its five opponents under the

century mark on the ground during the same span.

"If you do something [on offense], they're capable of [countering it defensively]," Redskins head coach Joe Gibbs said. "For most teams, that'd be a struggle making a game-day adjustment."

Defensively, the Redskins will have to stop a well-rounded Tampa Bay attack featuring Offensive Rookie of the year Cadillac Williams at tailback and a quarterback in Chris Simms who had a breakout game (279 yards and three touchdowns) when the Bucs scored five touchdowns against the 'Skins' in Week 10.

"We gave up 36 points — we didn't deserve to win," safety Ryan Clark said. "We can't worry about the last game, because that won't win us the game Saturday."

ERIC BRANDNER

NFL Collect Call Atlanta Falcons coach Jim Mora has been fined \$25,000 by the NFL for using a cell phone on the sidelines during the team's overtime loss to Tampa Bay on Dec. 24. Mora was fined under a rule adopted last March prohibiting the use of cell phones or any other form of



communications by coaches or players on the field — other than the regular phones used by teams to communicate between the sideline and press box. Mora used the phone late in overtime of the game in an attempt to determine how a tie might affect his team's playoff chances. (AP)

Redskins' Turn for the Better

Forcing turnovers and holding onto the ball lead to winning streak

REDSKINS | In the season of giving, the Redskins have become prolific at taking away.

Washington (10-6) won five straight down the stretch to secure a spot in Saturday afternoon's play-off game at Tampa Bay by hanging onto the ball on offense and stealing it by any means possible on defense.

Sean Taylor's fumble return and dive into the end zone in the fourth quarter of Sunday's victory at Philadelphia is the stuff slow-motion NFL Films highlights are made of. But that result was unimaginable at the beginning of the season, when the Redskins failed to force turnovers in four of their first five games.

"We had a lot of balls come out loose [early in the season], but we just weren't the recipient of the turnovers," said defensive tackle Joe Salave'a, who recovered a fumble in Sunday's 31-20 win. "I think the biggest difference right now is guys



Sean Taylor takes the scenic route into the end zone last weekend in Philadelphia. His first career touchdown sealed the Redskins' win and a spot in the playoffs.

aren't really thinking big. Everybody's detailing their work, knowing their role and playing hard."

Down 20-17 entering the fourth quarter last weekend, Washington forced turnovers on four of the Eagles' last five possessions. Linebacker Lemar Marshall's

interception led to a Clinton Portis touchdown run that gave the 'Skins the lead. Taylor's 39-yard scoop and run sealed the team's first playoff berth since 1999.

Turnovers were a huge concern for the Redskins entering 2005, as Washington entered the season with

REDSKINS NOTES

- There's little optimism that CB Shawn Springs will play Saturday due to his groin injury. He missed practice Thursday.
- DE Renaldo Wynn, the only other Redskin on the injured list, returned to practice and is expected to play against the Bucs.

a lackluster offense and finished with a minus 1 turnover margin.

Only one team that lost the turnover battle for the season made the playoffs (New England finished minus 6). Washington's furious five-game finish — where they forced 17 turnovers and only coughed the ball up six times — left them at +1 for the regular season.

"I think [the season turned around] when that turnover ration thing flipped around and we started protecting the football and then getting some takeaways," head coach Joe Gibbs said. **ERIC BRANDNER**

Redskins chat: Jason La Canfora previews the Redskins' game at noon | washingtonpost.com/liveonline



"Coach Janky Spanky" plays to reporters.

Portis Continues Costume Drama

REDSKINS | Clinton Portis saved his funniest costume routine for the playoffs.

The Washington Redskins running back appeared as "Coach Janky Spanky" for his weekly Thursday meeting with reporters, wearing an inflatable coach's headset, huge false ears, a whistle and black shorts covering an enormous gut.

Portis spent much of his time opining on Gregg Williams' new three-year contract. "Coach Janky Spanky has seen that man Gregg Williams get that money for that job he took, and coach Janky Spanky, I took the Boys and Girls Club to the Super Bowl. And they paid him all that money? Guess what I make. Nothing." (AP)

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I WAS RIGHT. THEY'RE GOOD!

→ **MARK BRUNELL, QB, WASHINGTON REDSKINS.** You had to know Joe Gibbs was going to stick his man in there at the first opportunity, and I don't hate on old men just for being old.

→ **LARRY JOHNSON, RB, KANSAS CITY CHIEFS.** Why settle for Priest Holmes year-end stats, when, with Larry Johnson, you can get the same stats — in half the season?

THEY'RE BAD!

→ **ALEX SMITH, QB, SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS.** The 49ers mercilessly tossed a helpless Smith into the NFL piranha tank this season.

→ **VINNY TESTAVERDE, QB, NEW YORK JETS.** I hate on old men for just being lousy.



Larry Johnson was the fantasy star of the second half of the NFL season.

I WAS WRONG, THEY'RE ACTUALLY GOOD

→ **AARON BROOKS, QB, NEW ORLEANS SAINTS.** I correctly guessed that Brooks would play his way out of a job. I just didn't think he'd make it long enough to put up 15 TDs and almost 3,000 yards.

→ **KERRY COLLINS, QB, OAKLAND RAIDERS.** Collins had his best passer rating in three years.

THEY'RE ACTUALLY BAD

→ **NATE BURLESON, WR, MINNESOTA VIKINGS.** Randy Moss left some big shoes to fill, and Burleson played like a victim of foot binding.

→ **TIM RATTAY, QB, TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS.** At least on the Buccaneers he's had more fun games to watch from the bench.

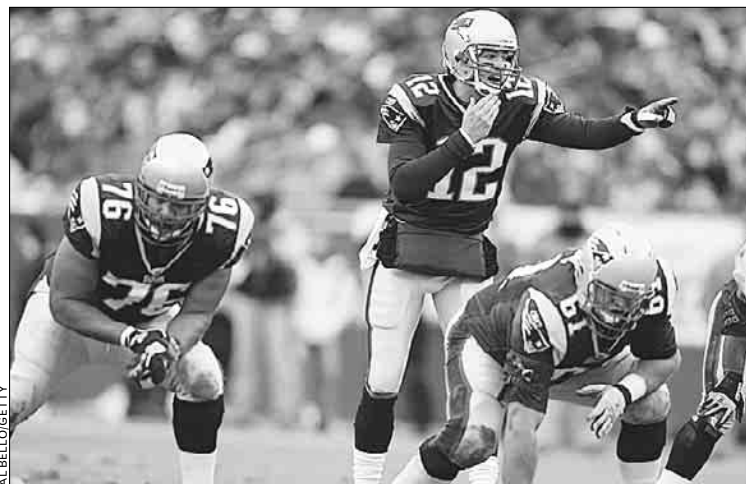
Experience Counts in NFL

Super Bowl champion Patriots favored to top Jaguars in the playoffs

PRO PICKS | The New England Patriots struggled most of the year with injuries, winning the AFC East in part because everyone else in the division had worse problems.

But the Patriots are relatively healthy now and begin their quest for an unprecedented third straight Super Bowl on Saturday night in Foxborough, Mass., as an eight-point favorite over Jacksonville, which won 12 games in the regular season, two more than the Patriots.

Jacksonville is a warm-weather team playing a winter night game in New England. Also think experience, a factor that applies to all playoff games, especially at quarterback. This game matches Tom Brady, a two-time Super Bowl MVP, against Byron Leftwich, who is coming back from a broken ankle and will be playing his first playoff game. **PATRIOTS, 27-13.**



Tom Brady leads the New England Patriots against Jacksonville on Saturday.

→ **WASHINGTON** (plus 2½) at **TAMPA BAY** (Saturday). The Redskins have won five straight and got their "bad" game out of the way — they were pretty awful for most of the regular-season finale in Philly. The 'Skins have the experience at quarterback: Mark Brunell over the other lefty, Chris Simms. **REDSKINS, 22-19.**

→ **CAROLINA** (plus 2½) at **NEW YORK GIANTS** (Sunday). The experience

factor at quarterback favors Jake Delhomme over Eli Manning. Carolina is 6-2 on the road. For that reason, plus the injuries to the New York defense. **PANTHERS, 24-20.**

→ **PITTSBURGH** (minus 3) at **CINCINNATI** (Sunday). Pittsburgh won its last four to get into the playoffs and now Big Ben has a year of playoff experience. The Bengals are talented but young. **STEELERS, 24-16.** DAVE GOLDBERG (AP)

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Washington's Super Dream

THE REDSKINS ARE GOING TO THE SUPER BOWL!

Now that I've got your attention, let's look at the facts that suggest dreaming so big may not be just wishful thinking.

No team in the wide-open NFC is playing better than the Redskins, owners of a five-game winning streak that put them in the playoffs.

The wins were a result of a strong running game led by Clinton Portis, an array of great plays by wide receiver Santana Moss and a defense that found the right time to peak.

Plus, the Redskins' coach is no ordinary Joe.

There's no way Tampa Bay beats Washington twice.

There's nothing to indicate anything should change on Saturday in Tampa Bay.

Sure, the Bucs are a good team that already beat the Redskins. But the Redskins are playing much better now than they were on Nov. 13, and there's no way Tampa Bay beats Washington twice in two months.

With a win, the Redskins would then face the Seahawks — a team known for its playoff choke jobs and that already lost to the 'Skins. That leaves either the Panthers, the Giants or the Bears left to play in the NFC Championship. Washington beat the Bears and Giants in the regular season, and the Panthers are too inconsistent to make the Super Bowl.

So bring on the Indianapolis Colts because there's a party to crash and our invitations are in the hands of Joe Gibbs.

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Armed for Battle

Bucs have weapons on both sides of the ball



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← OH, CADILLAC:

CARNELL "CADILLAC" WILLIAMS put the pedal to the metal to start his NFL career, rushing for over 100 yards in each of his first three games. Then he stalled, eventually missing two games for repair work, before coming on strong down the stretch to win the offensive Rookie of the Year with 1,178 yards this season.



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← FRIED RICE:

Chris Samuels and Jon Jansen, meet **SIMEON RICE**. Tampa Bay's best defensive end registered 14 sacks in his 10th NFL season, and that's after he was suspended one game by Buccaneers coach Jon Gruden for a perceived attitude problem. This season was no fluke, either, as it's the seventh in which Rice has had at least 10 sacks.



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← JOEY CAN GALLOWAY:

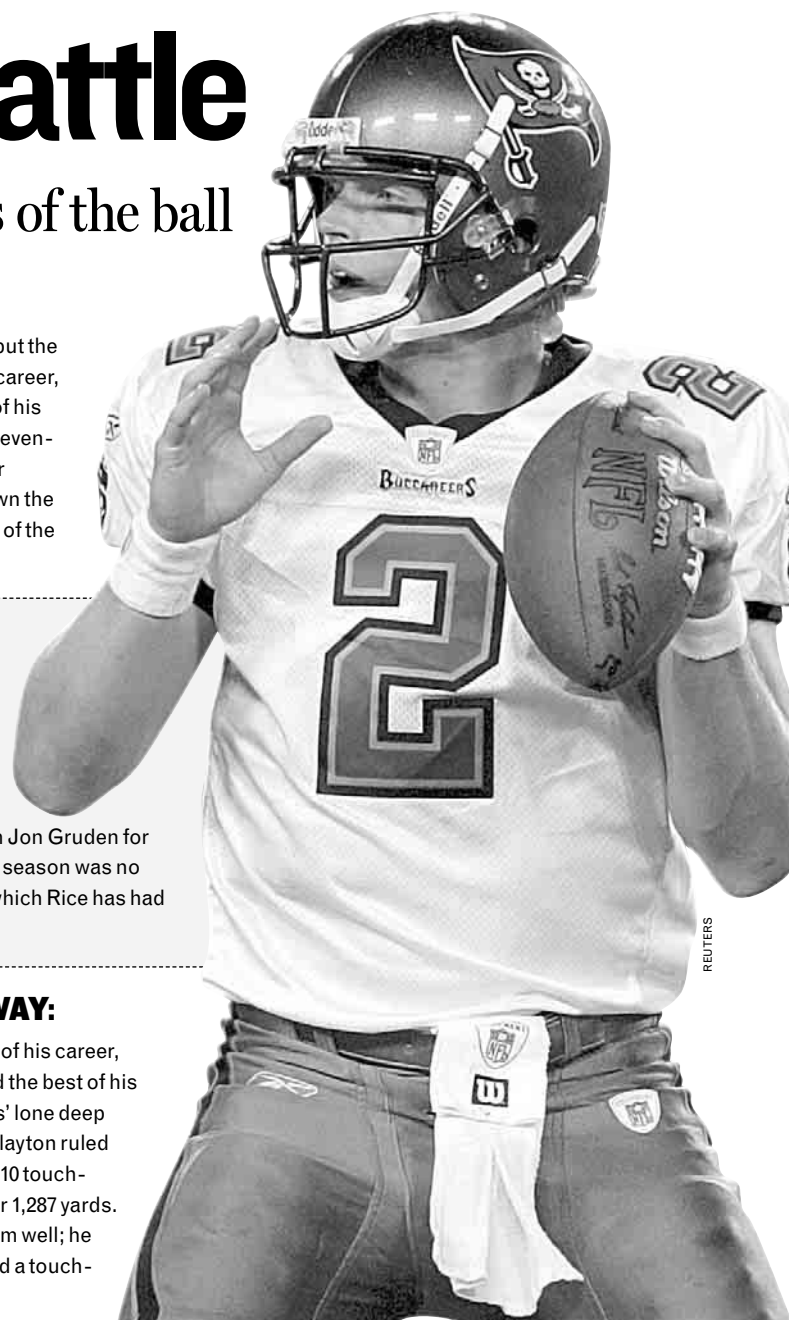
An inconsistent receiver for much of his career, Tampa Bay's **JOEY GALLOWAY** had the best of his 11 NFL seasons this year. The Bucs' lone deep threat — especially with Michael Clayton ruled out for Saturday's game — scored 10 touchdowns while catching 83 passes for 1,287 yards. The Redskins should remember him well; he caught seven balls for 131 yards and a touchdown in November's shootout.



CHRIS GARDNER/AP

← BROOKS 'EM:

When **DERRICK BROOKS** gets his arms around you, you are going down. So the Redskins' best bet might be to avoid the linebacker, but that task isn't so easy. He's had at least 100 tackles for 10 straight seasons while anchoring the stellar defense that led the Bucs to the Super Bowl title over the Oakland Raiders in 2003. The former Florida State standout will be trying to shut down Redskins' H-back Chris Cooley when Washington throws the ball, while attacking Clinton Portis when the Redskins run the ball.



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↑ SIMMS CITY:

Before facing the Redskins on Nov. 13, quarterback **CHRIS SIMMS** had done little to win over Tampa Bay fans worried that Brian Griese's injury doomed a potentially great year. Then he threw three touchdowns against Washington in a 36-35 Bucs' win. Tampa went on to win five of its next seven games to win the NFC South under the direction of Simms, who finished with 10 touchdowns and seven interceptions while completing 61 percent of his passes.

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Alexander Runs Away With NFL MVP

NFL | Shaun Alexander set an NFL record for touchdowns, led the league in rushing and ran away with The Associated Press Most Valuable Player award Thursday.

And with free agency on the horizon, the Seattle running back could parlay his sensational year

into unprecedented riches.

Alexander spearheaded the Seahawks' rise to the best record in the NFC, 13-3, including a victory over the league's only 14-2 team, the Colts.

It was the most productive season in Seahawks history, one

in which Alexander scored 28 touchdowns and rushed for 1,880 yards.

That earned him 19 votes from a nationwide panel of 50 sports writers and broadcasters who cover the NFL. He ended the two-year reign of Indianapolis quarterback Peyton Manning, who received 13 votes. (AP)

Young's Choice for the Ages

After leading Texas to title, quarterback must decide to go pro or not

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | The Texas Longhorns' drive to the national championship depended on Vince Young. So does their future.

It won't necessarily be a pass or run that makes the difference. Instead, it'll come down to a decision he makes with his family.

Whether the quarterback returns for his senior season or leaves for the NFL will have a huge impact on Texas' chances of defending its first outright national championship in 36 years.

"I'm just so proud of the work by this whole football team," Young said Thursday. "Basically, [I'll] sit down with my family members, talk with coach [Mack] Brown, a guy I truly, truly, respect I know that my future is pretty blessed right now."

It would be hard for Young to make a wrong decision for himself. Leave now and he'll likely be one of the first players drafted, perhaps even the No. 1 pick overall by his hometown Houston Texans. Stay in college and Young is the front-runner for the Heisman Trophy next season.

The deadline for declaring for



TEXAS HOLD 'EM: Surely University of Texas fans hope quarterback Vince Young will opt to stay in school rather than enter the NFL draft. But can the quarterback's stock get any higher than it is after he gained 467 yards of offense in the Rose Bowl?

"After turning in one of the most dominant performances in college football history, Young simply has to go."

Michael Wilbon says there's nothing left for Vince Young to accomplish in college | **Today in Sports**

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the draft is Jan. 15.

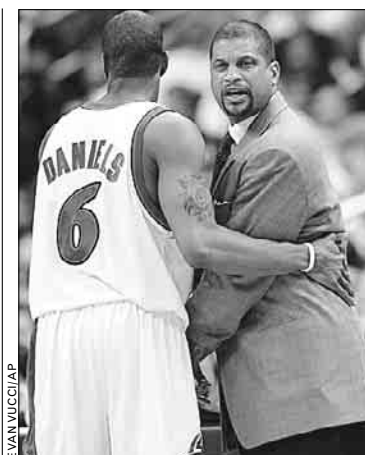
Young's stunning performance against USC showed just how hard he'd be to replace. Not just his game-record 467 total yards and three touchdowns, but his intangible leadership in crunch time.

"He's the best big-game player I've ever seen," senior tight end

David Thomas said.

Brown said he won't try to pressure Young one way or another.

"He's done as much for the University of Texas as any single athlete in any sport has ever done. How ungracious for us to try to force him into making a selfish decision," Brown said. **JIM VERTUNO (AP)**



Eddie Jordan, right, and Antonio Daniels seek answers for Wizards.

Wizards' Effort Now In Question

WIZARDS | After dropping three straight, the Wizards are running out of explanations for why they can't get it going. Or, perhaps, the problem is that there are too many explanations.

"There are many things that have gone wrong in these games. Inconsistent plays on defense. A lack of rebounding," forward Caron Butler said. "A whole lot of things."

The toll of dashed expectations is starting to have its effect on the team as well, as some players have questioned their teammates' effort. Without naming names, point guard Gilbert Arenas on Tuesday said he noticed a lack of "excitement" from some players on the court.

While coach Eddie Jordan isn't willing to single anyone out yet — "we hope everybody plays better," he said — players are hinting that the team could use a little more passion on and off the court.

"The only thing we can control is our attitude, our character and the way we carry ourselves," guard Antonio Daniels said.

The Wizards have a good chance to put the losses behind them Friday night against the flopping Knicks (8-21), the second-worst team in the NBA. The Wizards see favorable match-ups and hope a win could propel them into a strong 3-game home stretch next week.

"We've stumbled and have had a hard time getting off the ground, but we're going to improve," forward Jared Jeffries said. **CHRIS MINCHER (EXPRESS)**

Terrapins Begin Tough Road in ACC

No. 14 Maryland is on a roll entering league game against Miami

TERPS HOOPS | For two weeks, the sparring partners arrived at the gym. Four of them, and every one went down like a sack of potatoes.

No surprise upsets. Not a Buster Douglas in the bunch.

Starting Saturday, however, the No. 14 Maryland Terrapins get back to playing opponents with the ability to hit back.

The Atlantic Coast Conference season resumes at Miami (8-6), followed quickly by a Wednesday visit to Cameron Indoor Stadium

to take on Duke, the nation's top-ranked team at 13-0.

"If you're a player, if you're a coach, you're looking forward to the next two months," coach Gary Williams said.

The Terrapins (11-2, 1-0 in the ACC) reached this point in fine form. The Terrapins boast a six-game winning streak, and their only losses of the season have come to ranked opponents in Gonzaga and George Washington.

Then again, they entered ACC play with just two losses a year ago. After a 7-9 output in the conference, the Terps found themselves banished to the NIT, missing the NCAA Tournament for the first time in 11 seasons.



Nik Caner-Medley and Maryland have enjoyed an easy schedule for two weeks.

If players are looking past Miami and on to Duke, Williams needs only to remind them of a year ago when the ACC newcomer Hurricanes upset Maryland in overtime after a controversial call wiped the game-winner off the scoreboard for the Terps at the end of regulation.

"That game's fresh in my mind," senior Nik Caner-Medley said. "Particularly because there was a chance for us to win at the end but they called a charge on me. We only got to play them once last year, so that's one of the games that got circled. We're really focused on going in there and getting the ACC season started." **DEREK TURNER**

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Astronomy

Scientists gear up for comet particules to arrive this weekend

Comets have long lit up the sky and the imaginations of scientists. Now these icy bodies from the beginnings of the solar system are finally ready for their close-up.

Six months after NASA scientists first peeked inside one comet from afar, they're bringing pieces of another to Earth for study under the microscope.

This weekend, the Stardust spacecraft will jettison a 100-pound canister holding comet dust. It will nosedive through the Earth's atmosphere and — if all goes well — make a soft landing at Dugway Proving Ground in Utah.

The searing plunge is expected to generate a pinkish glow as bright as Venus that should be visible without a telescope across much of the West.

Comets — which astronomers consider to be among the solar system's leftover building blocks — have been scrutinized for cen-

“We are literally bringing back samples of the solar system as they were billions of years ago.”

DON BROWNLEE
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

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WILD AWAY: Scientists say the Wild2 comet's been kicking around for a long time.

Dust Flew In

turies. But only in recent years have scientists had the technology to study their ingredients.

Last July, the Deep Impact spacecraft released a probe that carved a crater in a comet, exposing its interior to NASA telescopes. The Stardust mission went a step fur-

ther by retrieving the first samples from a comet named Wild 2. This frozen ball of ice and rock was about 500 million miles from Earth when Stardust was launched in 1999.

Comets are bodies of ice and dust that circle the sun. About 4.5 billion years ago, a cloud of gas and

dust collapsed to create the sun and planets. Comets formed from what was left over, and scientists believe studying them could shed light on how the solar system was born.

“This is a true treasure,” investigator Don Brownlee of the University of Washington said of

the Stardust capsule.

But the capsule isn't home yet.

First it faces a blistering descent, piercing the atmosphere at a record-breaking 29,000 mph — the fastest re-entry of any man-made probe.

To avoid an embarrassment, engineers checked Stardust's systems to ensure a soft landing, said Ed Hirst of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, which is managing the \$212 million mission.

Stardust traveled nearly 3 billion miles halfway to Jupiter and back, looping around the sun three times. Along the way, it also captured interstellar dust — tiny particles thought to be ancient stars that exploded and died.

After five years, the 850-pound spacecraft finally reached Wild 2.

During a historic 2004 flyby, Stardust sped through the comet's coma — the fuzzy shroud of gas and dust that envelops it — to collect the microscopic samples. The particles were trapped by a catcher the size of a tennis racket.

Comet particles from Stardust would represent the second robotic retrieval of extraterrestrial material since 1976.

“We are literally bringing back samples of the solar system as they were billions of years ago,” Brownlee said. **ALICIA CHANG (AP)**



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Smoking Ban

Last Cigarette

Washington Post staff writer **ERIC M. WEISS** was online Thursday to discuss the D.C. Council's approval of the ban on smoking | washingtonpost.com/liveonline

What is the restaurant/bar owner's role with enforcing the no-smoking policy?

The penalty for a bar owner is \$500 for each day it is in violation. For customers, if you light up illegally, it will cost you a fine of between \$100 and \$1,000 for the first offense and between \$200 and \$1,000 for each incidence after that.

Is there any hard economic data to support the ban's opponents' claim that this will hurt the service industry's profits?

Both sides have stacks of data that they claim either proves that the smoking ban does not harm businesses or will turn Adams Morgan into a morgue. But fears have been reduced because the sky has not fallen in New York, Boston and the other major cities that have passed bans.

I don't understand why non-smokers feel they have the right to have every single establishment cater to their needs. I think this is an example of the majority stomping on the individual rights of others.

That is one of the main arguments used by ban opponents who say government is trying to create a "nanny state." But supporters have successfully positioned the ban as a worker health issue, and said it should be treated like any other workplace hazard like asbestos or a broken ladder.

Why do you think the vote was so largely in favor of the ban?

The short answer is that there are more non-smoking voters than smoking voters. Supporters and opponents say the lobbying effort by the smoke-free groups was effective. The effort by the restaurant and bar industry was not. Also, council members feel, based on their interaction with their constituents, that it is a political plus to support the ban during this local campaign year. However, some of the votes on the weakening amendments was much closer than 11-1, meaning there could have been four or five votes for a "compromise" bill.

So the restaurant/bar manager has a patron who starts smoking, they call the D.C. police. Later when they show up, the smoker has left, but someone complains about the smoker and the bar is fined?

I believe the varmint has to be caught "butt-handed."

Why doesn't America ban tobacco all together?

I think we tried that with alcohol and it didn't work too well.

Can any of the ban opponents please point me in the direction of a smoke-free bar? I have yet to see one.

Try www.smokefreedc.org. They keep a list of smoke-free D.C. bars and restaurants.

→ Today on Live Online

11 A.M.: Jeff Joseph, vice president of communications for the Consumer Electronics Association, will be online to discuss industry trends and new products on display at the 2006 International CES trade show.

Bizarro | Dan Piraro

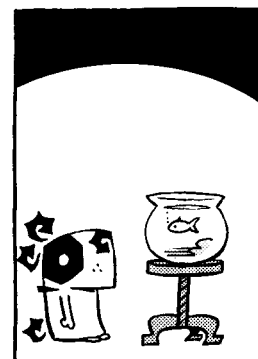
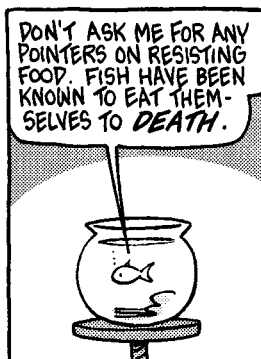


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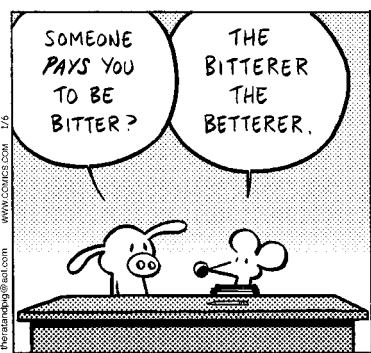
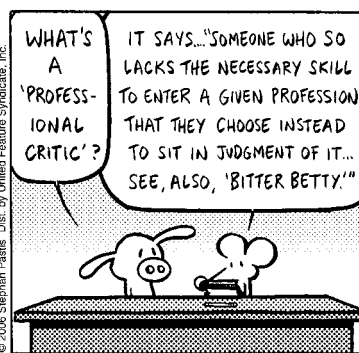
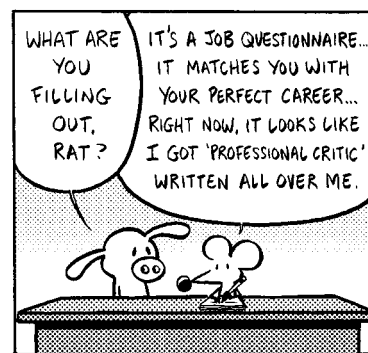


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The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



Letters

A Voice of Reason

METRO'S 'DOORS CLOSING' voice contest asks us to use polite, authoritative and serious voices when recording the messages. While

I do understand the differences in their respective definitions, I can't begin to imagine how someone could enunciate an audibly different tone between an authoritative and a serious voice. Could there really be a difference?

—HU FATID
Rockville, Md.

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LACKING IN LOCAL OPTIONS?

Now I've had chili dogs from Ben's before, and they're good ... But is that really the best local favorite D.C. has to offer?"

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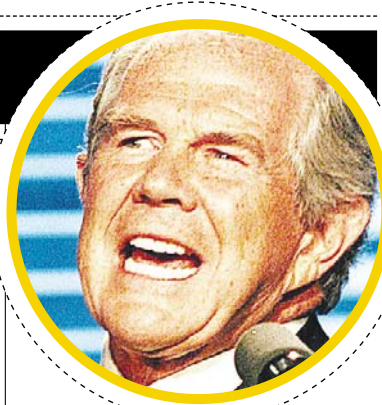
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Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You needn't fear those who fear you; take them under your wing and in no time you'll have a number of new and active supporters.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Your own efforts will serve you well and help others discover just how much they are able to accomplish in turn.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Concentrate on the inside. You've been putting on a good show, but focus on motives and methods more than results.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Consider doing things in an unorthodox manner, if only to get a truer perspective on where you've been and where you're going.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) It's a good time for you to get back in sync with those who share your outlook. You've been out of touch for a while, without knowing it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Deliver messages the right way, and to put an end

to any unnecessary deals that are not entirely on the up-and-up.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your respect for your rivals is sure to increase, after you engage in a head-to-head bout and realize you have much in common—including drive.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Security matters are in the forefront. Don't lose sight of your own practical needs. Others may be trying to push you in a new direction.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You are likely to be strongly backed by someone who shares your interests and has the resources you need to progress at a steady rate.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You may have to face one or two unexpected limitations, but your imagination and willingness will see you through.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You may not know what hit you when all is said and done, but the benefits you are likely to enjoy as a result will amaze you and others.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Don't hesitate to offer what you know to be of assistance to others. You may actually ward off an emergency situation.

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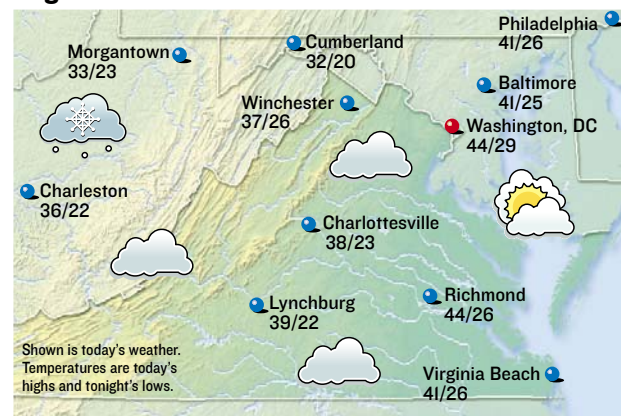
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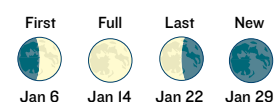
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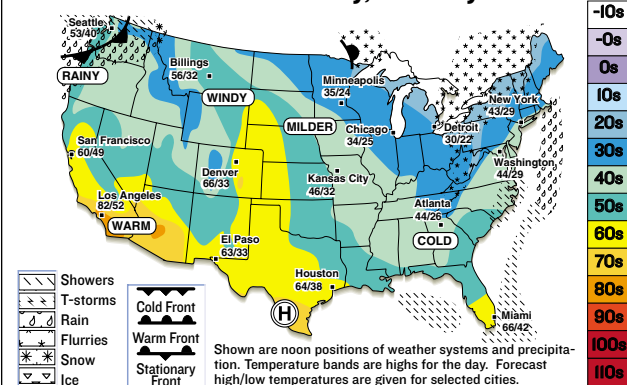
D.C. Metro: Today, partly sunny, breezy, colder. High 44. Wind north 10-20 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy, breezy. Low 29. Wind northwest 8-16 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	7:27 a.m.
Sunset tonight	5:01 p.m.
Moonrise today	11:38 a.m.
Moonset today	none



National Weather for Friday, January 6



National Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Atlanta	44/26/c	50/37/s
Boston	38/28/c	34/28/pc
Chicago	34/25/pc	40/26/c
Dallas	58/40/s	74/48/s
Denver	66/33/s	68/28/pc
Honolulu	80/67/pc	81/66/pc
Los Angeles	82/52/s	70/50/pc
Miami	66/42/sh	64/45/pc
New York City	43/29/c	37/32/pc
Orlando	56/34/pc	56/36/s
Seattle	53/40/sh	48/38/c

World Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Amsterdam	39/30/c	41/32/c
Athens	59/46/c	51/41/r
Berlin	34/30/sf	34/30/sf
Buenos Aires	95/73/t	95/77/t
Calgary	45/31/pc	35/21/c
Dublin	43/36/c	41/34/c
Geneva	37/28/c	42/25/pc
Moscow	16/10/c	23/23/pc
Rome	52/39/pc	52/39/pc
Sydney	75/64/sh	75/61/sh
Tokyo	41/34/pc	41/32/pc

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

LOOK out People

CATFIGHTS Can't We Settle This With An Heiress Cagematch?

PARIS HILTON is accused of spewing "vicious lies" about an altercation with a romantic rival at a London nightclub and harassing a business promoter in separate lawsuits set for court in Los Angeles this month. Diamond heiress Zeta Graff is seeking at least \$10 million in damages for Hilton's comments in a July New York Post story.



The paper reported that Graff went "berserk" at the nightclub, tried to strangle Hilton and attempted to steal her diamond necklace. A Jan. 17 hearing is scheduled near Los Angeles to consider Hilton's request for more information about the claim. A hearing also is set for the same day on the second lawsuit in which promoter Brian Quintana, 37, alleged that Hilton harassed and badmouthed him to the media. (AP)

SHE'S NOT SAD! Only the Roots of Her Hair Show Her Sadness

JESSICA SIMPSON will kick off the 32nd annual People's Choice Awards with a special performance. "Jessica's true vocal talent, unlimited energy and undeniable charisma will truly be a great addition to this year's show," executive producer Carol Donovan said in a statement Thursday. The People's Choice Awards will be broadcast live Jan. 10 on CBS from the Shrine Auditorium. Simpson's publicist confirmed her appearance but wouldn't elaborate. Simpson is nominated for favorite song in a movie for her version of "These Boots Are Made for Walkin'" from "The Dukes of Hazzard." (AP)



FIRSTS

Paving the Way

QUEEN LATIFAH has become the first hip-hop artist crowned with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. "I think the reason I am here is to inspire African-American women who are rappers, full-figured women to know that they can do it, too," Latifah, 35, said Wednesday at the unveiling of the sidewalk's 2,298th star. Family and friends, including actor Terrence Howard, cheered for Latifah, also an actress, singer, spokeswoman and producer. (AP)



Please come home so we can indict you.

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One of Britain's most senior police officers has urged **KATE MOSS** to return to England to answer questions about her alleged cocaine use. "For everybody's sake, and for her to move on, the sooner she speaks to us the better," said Metropolitan Police Assistant Commissioner Tarique Ghaffur on Thursday. (AP)

LAWSUITS The Most Borrrrrrring Michael Jackson Case Ever

A Los Angeles judge tossed out **MICHAEL JACKSON's** \$10 million lawsuit against a New Jersey man over memorabilia the pop star claimed had been stolen. The judge dismissed the lawsuit Tuesday because Jackson had stopped pursuing the case. Vaccaro had a warehouse full of memorabilia from Jackson family members that included gold-trimmed costumes. (AP)



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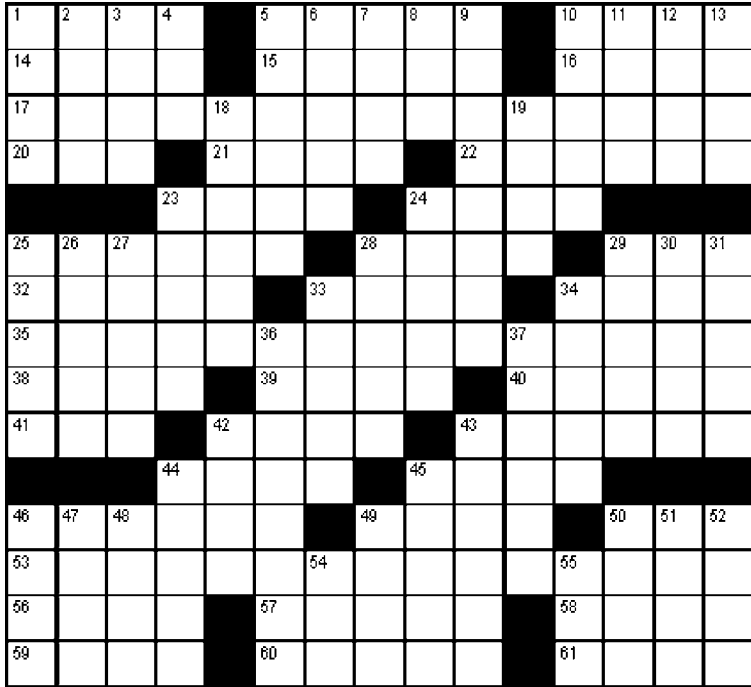
Oral Test | Edited by Timothy E. Parker

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- 16 Peeve
- 17 Fodder for Freud
- 20 Lengthen (with "to")
- 21 Thai temples
- 22 Quieted a crying baby
- 23 History muse
- 24 It may be checkered
- 25 Handicap
- 28 Classify
- 29 Patty Hearst's kidnap grp.
- 32 Carolers' selections
- 33 Diva ____ Te Kanawa
- 34 Tuftlike mass
- 35 Not the best way to live
- 38 Ages upon ages
- 39 Pipe fittings
- 40 Mountain ridge
- 41 Docs' helpers
- 42 Beseched
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- 45 Baseball Hall of Famer Vaughan
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- 53 Ready for battle

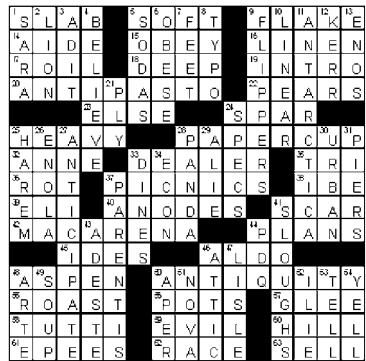
DOWN

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- 59 Cigarette substances
- 60 Shrewd
- 61 K-12, scholastically
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- 2 First word of a famous song title
- 3 Crossword puzzle part
- 4 Easy mark
- 5 Not just
- 6 Heated argument
- 7 Cries of aversion
- 8 "Chances ____"
- 9 Fictional ladies' man
- 10 Dadaist Max
- 11 Near, poetically
- 12 Model airplane kit requirement
- 13 Wind instrument
- 18 Wise, figuratively
- 19 Give the boot to
- 23 Eases one's anxiety
- 24 Cork and
- 42 Corfu, for two
- 25 Deduce
- 26 Dummkopf
- 27 Lowly workers



- 28 Blind or broad attachment
- 29 Turned on an axis
- 30 Lenya or Lehmann
- 31 Yearned
- 33 What believers may fall on
- 34 Quick raid
- 36 View from the Maine coast
- 37 Food source
- 42 Walk heavily
- 43 Excessively desirous
- 44 Revival shouts
- 45 Beyond the pale?
- 46 Pub missile
- 47 Environs
- 48 Kuwaiti noble
- 49 "Put ____ writing"
- 50 First name among moonwalkers
- 51 Sumac souvenir, perhaps
- 52 Laotian's neighbor
- 54 Breakfast of centurions?
- 55 Before, in poesy

Yesterday's Solution



Sunday in The Washington Post



Sgt. Mom: Anne Hull takes an in-depth, personal look at how a family's life has changed now that mom is serving in Iraq. | [Arts](#)

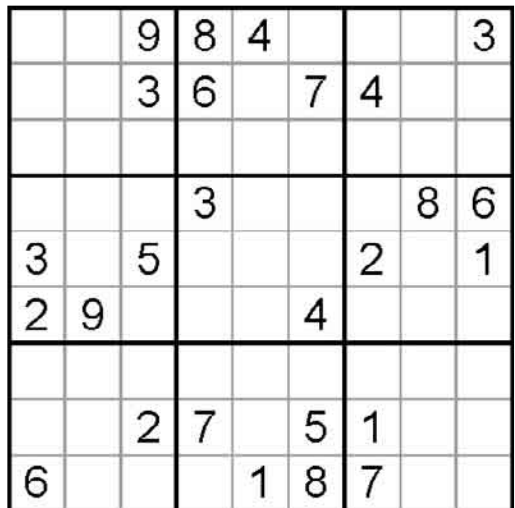
Towel Joy: Tim Heidenberg loves his two gigs: he's a financial planner and team attendant for the Washington Wizards. | [Sunday Source](#)

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Fill in the boxes so that each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see www.sudoku.com

Yesterday's Solution



Can't get enough Sudoku? Find another Sudoku puzzle in the Comics section of the Post every Sunday and in the Style section every Monday through Saturday.

New Job Challenge #3

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Get Mega Jobs on Sunday, January 8, in The Washington Post. It's the biggest Jobs section of the year, with thousands of job listings from the area's most prominent employers, including the ones below. Whether you're actively looking, or just have your eye out, there's no better resource for Washington area jobs. So pick it up this Sunday—also available in the Early Sunday Edition available Saturday—and let Mega Jobs make finding the job the easiest part of the new job challenge.

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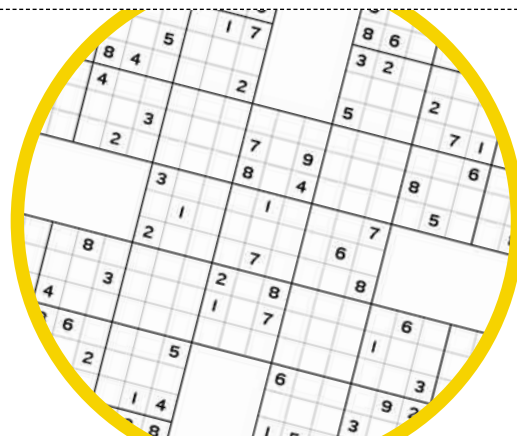
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2 Kaitlin!

The latest disposable character on "The O.C." is Kaitlin Cooper, the forgotten younger sister of Marissa who spent the second season at an off-screen boarding school and whose most memorable trait is that her pony, China, has alopecia. She will reemerge played by a new actress—Willa Holland, 14—on Jan. 19. The character, who's been a constant butt of fan jokes, will be a bad, bad girl.

4 Tough Chicks In Roller Skates

If SoCal teens could rivet a nation with their prom hookups, certainly the minds behind "Laguna Beach" can mine even more reality gold from the mini-skirted, scowling ladies of "Rollergirls," which debuted on A&E this week. The multidimensional portrayals of these women, like Punky Bruiser, who works at the Gap, and Miss Conduct, right, who lives on a yacht she's restoring herself, show that there's more to their lives than wearing roller-skates and beating the crap out of one another. But that's why we watching.



1 Machines That Tell the Truth

Here's a start-up that will wither when we finally have always-on portable Internet access: Ask Me Now, which sends questions to researchers who find the answers online. Sign up at askmenow.com, then call from your cell phone and leave the question on a voice mail-like system. Minutes later, the answer is text-messed to your cell phone. When we asked it what Express was, it performed admirably. ("Express is a free, widely distributed daily newspaper ...")



3 Kimchi

The newest weapon in the war against avian flu: cabbage. Both kimchi and sauerkraut sales are through the roof because of a South Korean study that touted the super food as a cure. And it's high in vitamin C, so it might help even the regular flu.



It's so \$*&#%*# cute! OMG! Ahhhhhh!

5 Cuteness

The New York Times dubbed 2006 "an exceptionally cute year." 2006 had better catch up. Go to cuteoverload.com for inspiration.



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Dinner Smarty

Online gourmet Don Rockwell doesn't conceal his food opinions

DON ROCKWELL doesn't think of himself as a foodie. "There's nothing more despicable or annoying than a food geek," says the software consultant. Yet he eats out every single night, moderates D.C.'s premier online food forum (the eponymous donrockwell.com, which boasts 700 members, including some of the area's top chefs) and just started penning the Washingtonian's wine column. Rockwell also cultivates an air of mystery, almost never attending public functions — even those organized by his forum — and eating alone. He showed his face, however, to talk miniburgers and Restaurant Week with Express' Vicky Hallett.

You keep a low profile, but are you ever recognized at restaurants?

I interviewed the chef of a restaurant on my site and I wanted to bring him a bottle of wine to thank him. So I decided to go by and have a few courses and give him the wine and leave in about an hour. But I made the mistake of using my own name. Courses started appearing and the wine was flowing and by seven courses, I realized I needed to put a stop to this or I'll be there all night. They didn't want to give me the check but I insisted. It gets expensive because I sometimes just want one course and a beer and I get these extras I have to pay for.

Any thought of going in disguise?

I always thought it would be pretentious to get a credit card with a fake name. But I'm in the process of doing it.

What's your M.O. at a restaurant?

I usually just sit at the bar. That way you can be right by where the runners are coming with the food and you can overhear conversations and find out what's really happening.

Best secret you've heard lately?

Well, at Acadiana, I had two people tell me that the food was intentionally dumbed down for the East



MADE TO ORDER. The menu was courtesy of Falls Church's 2941, the fedora and gloves were courtesy of Rockwell's closet.

“Everybody likes food and you don't need to feel guilty about admitting it. It's almost like G-rated porn. It appeals to the most primal sense.”

Coast palate. And you can learn a lot from other customers, who are regulars and know what to get.

Do you have a favorite bar?

I love the bar at Palena. Frank Ruta is one of the best chefs. I like Corduroy and Marcel's.

What are your plans for Restaurant Week?

That's the week I go to Baltimore. Or I'll get to a bar early so I can eat and get out of there by 7:30, when the crowds come. The food served that

week tends to be dumbed down.

So you never do Restaurant Week?

No, I usually do. And a few places do good jobs — Galileo, Equinox, Vidalia. At a place like that an appetizer, entree and dessert would cost \$40 to \$60, so it really is a bargain.

What's your take on the current state of D.C. restaurants?

2006 was a year that in a lot of ways the restaurant scene grew up. A lot of multimillion-dollar restaurants

opened and they're all glitz. But Restaurant Eve, which opened in 2004, was the last great D.C. restaurant that has heart and soul. Zengo and Viridian, they were opened to make money. It's not a chef doing it out of a labor of love.

What's the new miniburger?

I was just thinking about this yesterday. Tuna tartare. Everybody is doing it. And to a lesser extent, beet salads with goat cheese.

Anything you pine for in D.C.?

I wish I could find a good bagel and deli. Breadline is great but most bread in D.C. is raunchy.

Have you ever had a jumbo slice in Adams Morgan?

Unfortunately. But I wasn't sober enough to remember it.

> The Manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOELOGGER

This year, I've resolved to be more fabulous, especially at work. I'm an accountant, though, so I need lots of help. —SUSAN

Every year, the Manolo he makes the same resolution, to be ever more super-fantastic than he was in the preceeding year. This it is not easy, especially as the Manolo he has grown into the age of the middle, when the battle against the forces of nature must be fully engaged.

However, this it does not mean you should not make the valiant attempt to achieve super fantasticness, even if, unlike the Manolo, you toil in the professions that are perhaps not known for their fabulousness.



Indeed, the problem for those in the occupations of respectability it is that you must maintain the gravitas suitable to the job, so that the clients they will not be frightened away by your taste for the avant garde. Sadly, the hot pink Puccis on the accountant they do not make the smiles in the person facing the IRS audit.

And so, the Manolo he must counsel his friend to express her office-based super-fantasticness with the shoes that are conservative in style and color, but have the luxuriousness of the first-rate material and workmanship. Thus, the Manolo he would recommend this smart suede shoe from the Christian Lacroix, above, (\$410, zappos.com). Likewise, if the friend of the Manolo wishes to "sex it up" a bit, the Manolo would have her consider the "Christina Desk to Disco" from the Donna Karen (\$362, zappos.com). VISIT THE MANOLO AT SHOEBLOGS.COM

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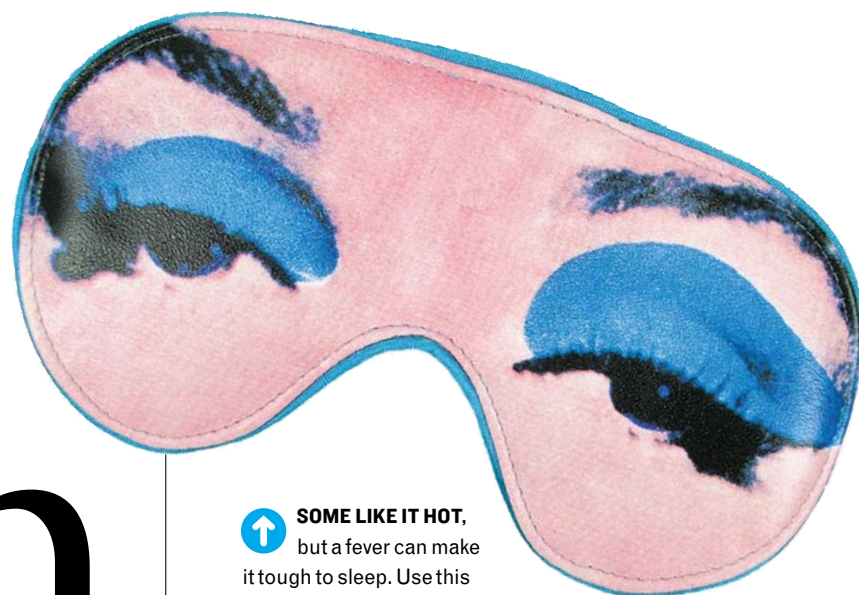
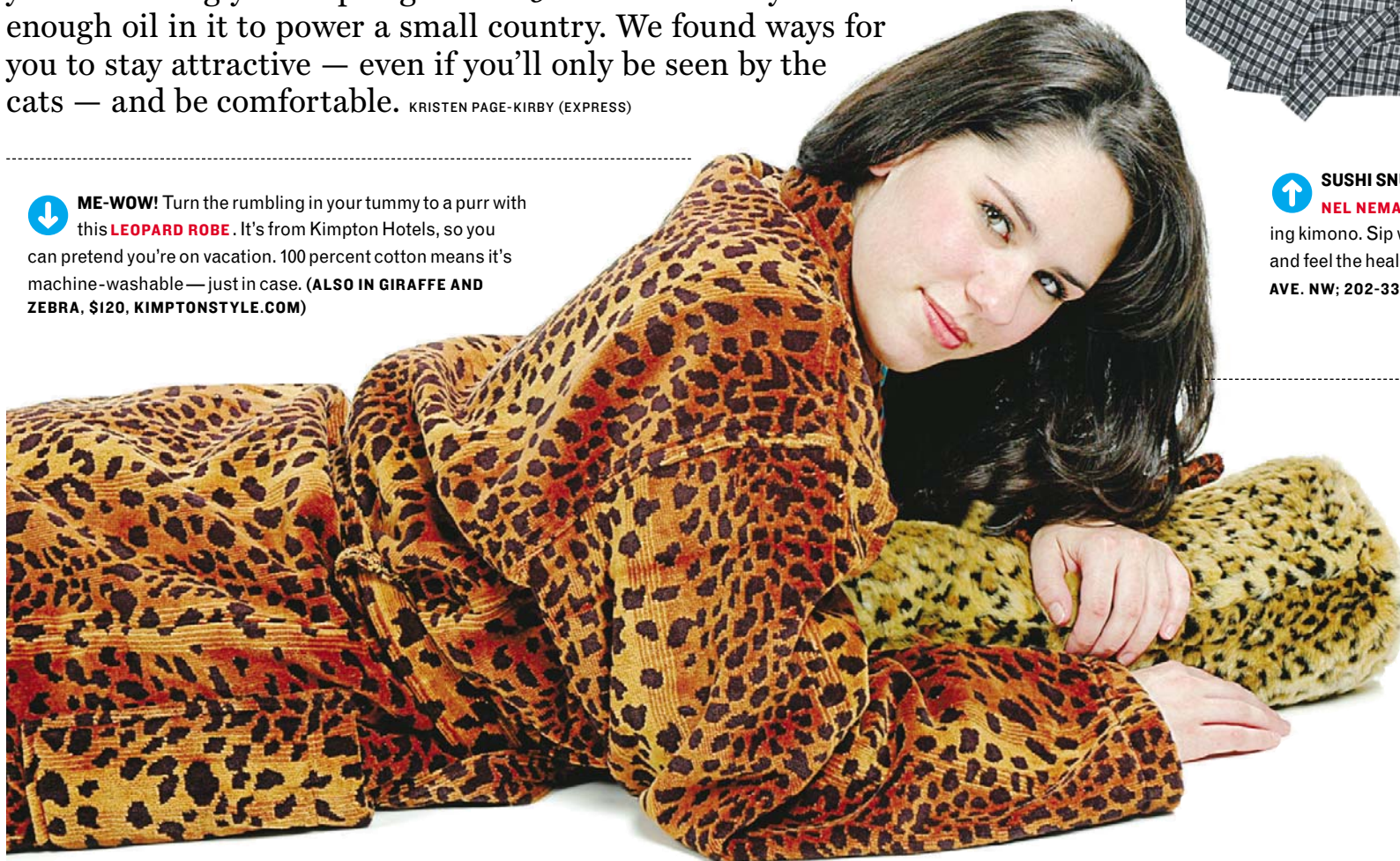
Rachel Nutter of La Plata, Md., is sporting a Geratherm Mercury Free Fever Thermometer (\$6, CVS) and MAC lipstick. Photograph by Michelle Repiso.

Fever Switch

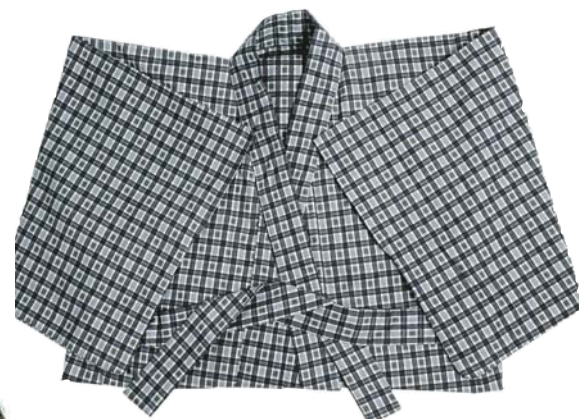
Looking cool when your temp is hot

> Feeling your worst is no excuse for not looking your best. That doesn't mean you need to alternate trips to the toilet with applications of mascara, but there's no way you're going to feel better if you're wearing your "Spring Break '98" T-shirt and your hair has enough oil in it to power a small country. We found ways for you to stay attractive — even if you'll only be seen by the cats — and be comfortable. KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)

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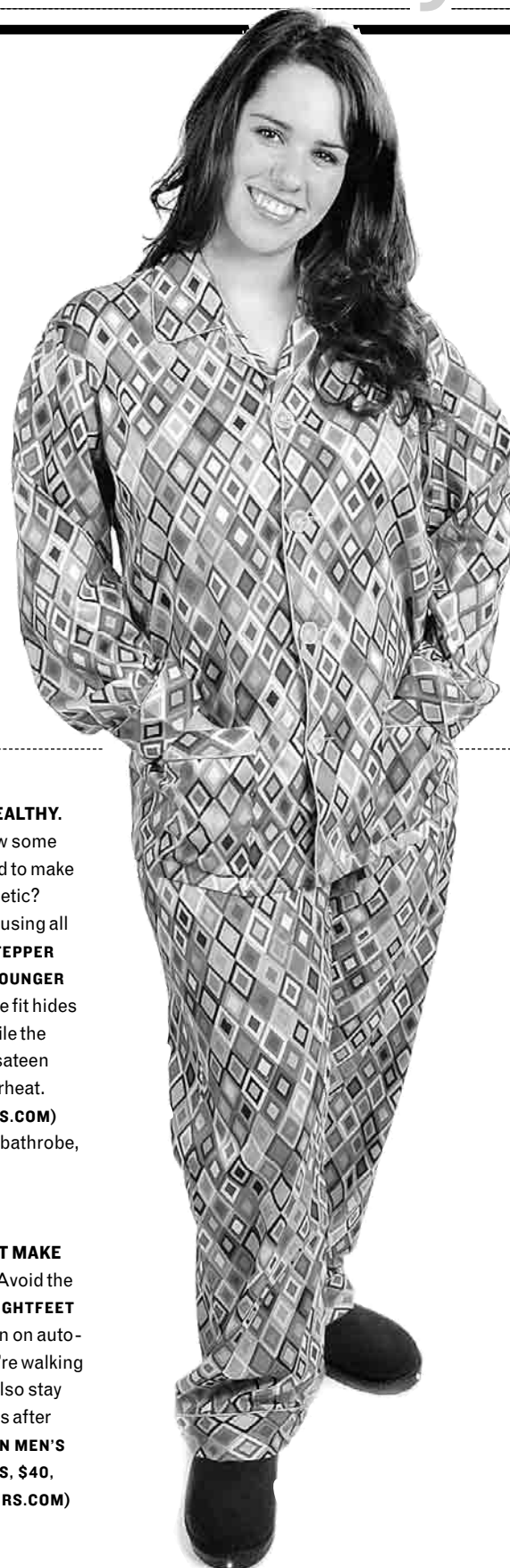
BIRD POWER. The box says **CHILDREN'S HUMIDIFIER**, but this hip little penguin would complement any modern decorating scheme. He looks a little evil when he blows moist air out his beak, though. (ALSO IN ELEPHANT AND FROG SHAPES, \$30, TARGET; PANDA AT TARGET.COM)

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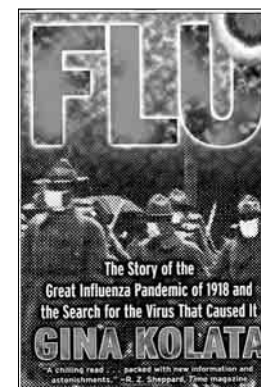
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BOOK LIST



Give Yourself Some Real Chills

A little light reading on influenza and its buddy, the Black Plague. H.J.M.

DOOMSDAY BOOK by Connie Willis (Spectra, \$8). History student Kivrin goes back in time to study the 14th century, but a glitch lands her right smack before the Black Plague hits.

FALSE ALARM: THE TRUTH ABOUT THE EPIDEMIC OF FEAR by Marc Siegel (Wiley, \$25). Don't buy into bird flu hysteria, says this New York University doc — a pandemic's not likely. Worry about car accidents.

FLU by Gina Kolata (Touchstone, \$15). Decades after the 1918 flu pandemic, scientists went trolling through frozen bodies to find the virus and recreate it in the lab.

THE GREAT INFLUENZA by John Barry. (\$16, Penguin) The 1918 pandemic got a boost from the U.S. government, says Barry, which refused to divert resources from World War One to help fight the disease.

THE GREAT MORTALITY by John Kelly (HarperCollins, \$26). Get the basics on the rat-plague relationship and the deplorable hygiene of the Dark Ages.

A JOURNAL OF THE PLAGUE YEAR by Daniel Defoe (Penguin Classics, \$10). The "Robinson Crusoe" author was 5 years old when the Black Plague hit London (again) in 1665.

THE MONSTER AT OUR DOOR by Mike Davis (New Press, \$21). Avian flu is a'coming and it's being sped along by the Bush crew, who want you to worry about bioterrorism, not birds.

EXPERT ADVICE ►► DR. ELIOT BATTLE JR., CO-FOUNDER OF CULTURA COSMETIC MEDICAL SPA, CHEVY CHASE

Why Skin Looks Sick Dehydration is a key culprit, explained Battle. Chugging fluids when you're sick doesn't just quicken recovery. It also keeps skin from getting dry, itchy and sensitive. "If you're on an exfoliating routine with glycolic acid and vitamin A, and I hope you are, I would calm that down because it already dries your skin out," Battle said. Instead, use hypoallergenic moisturizers, like those from Innovative Skincare and Skinceuticals. The flu's signature paleness comes from the slowing of your blood flow — easily cured by wearing warmer clothing and not vegging out on the couch. Battle's secret weapon is a smile: "Try to keep as happy as possible. Part of the look is the frown." VICKY HALLETT (EXPRESS)

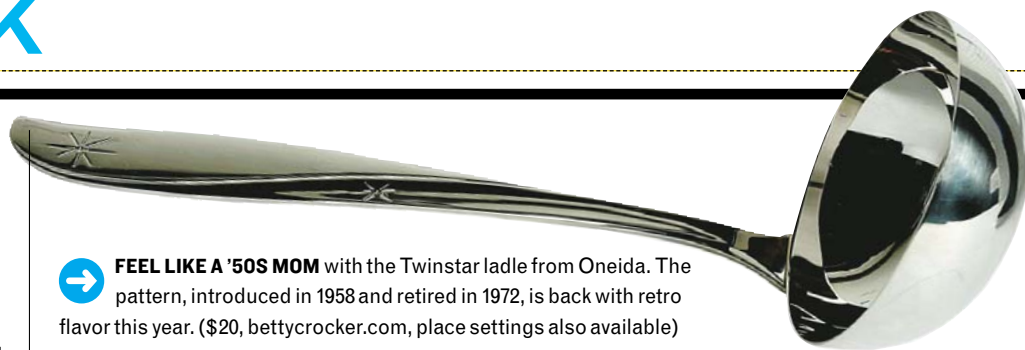


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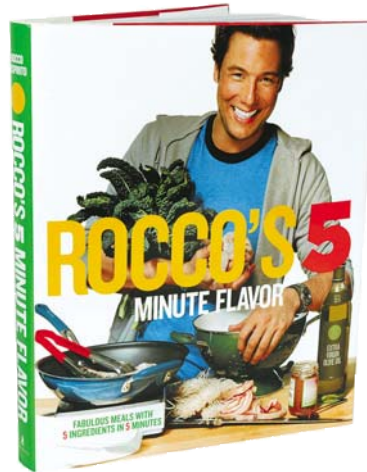
Prepare for National Soup Month



↑ HEAT UP YOUR BREW in the Staub Acorn Soup Pot. The sturdy bowl in a lovely shade of pumpkin holds five quarts of liquid, which you can peek in on by lifting the brushed stainless steel knob that's shaped like an acorn. (\$200, Sur La Table, see surlatable.com)



→ FEEL LIKE A '50S MOM with the Twinstar ladle from Oneida. The pattern, introduced in 1958 and retired in 1972, is back with retro flavor this year. (\$20, bettycrocker.com, place settings also available)



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Being a pimp isn't all about the bling. DJay, above, is more like a chauffeur.

DVDS

HUSTLE & FLOW (\$30)

"You know it's hard out here for a pimp," goes the hook of a song by DJay (Terrence Howard), a down-on-his-luck hustler who tries to make his way in the world of Memphis crunk. In "Creatin' Crunk," one of three featurettes, viewers can meet the real Memphis musician who wrote DJay's inspired songs. Al Kapone came up with "Hustle & Flow (It Ain't Over)" in just one day. When writer/director Craig Brewer asked what else he had, he whipped out "Whoop That Trick." That made it into the movie along with Kapone's backstory — he had written it originally as "Beat that Bitch," but was afraid of being misunderstood.

IF YOU LIKE: Hookers with hearts of gold, "8 Mile." VICKY HALLETT (EXPRESS)

THE CHUMSCRUBBER (\$30)

Teens in the town of Hillside take happy pills, don't interact with their parents and dig a video-game character called "The Chumscrubber," whose head was severed in an apocalyptic catastrophe. But the drug supply gets cut off when Troy, the major dealer, commits suicide, and everything is knocked out of

whack. Troy's best friend Dean is forced to steal drugs to get a gang of meanies to release a kid hostage. All the while, the grownups, including Glenn Close and Ralph Fiennes, are so caught up in their own world that no one notices that the child is missing.

NOTABLE FEATURE: In the deleted scenes, you find out that one character, who gets his eye sliced and is hit by a car, also gets smacked by a remote-control airplane his dad is playing with.

IF YOU LIKE: "Donnie Darko," disaffected youth. V.H.

BOOKS

I HOPE THEY SERVE BEER IN HELL by Tucker Max (Citadel Press, \$13)



Out of the 27 true stories in the tome, the author is sober for exactly one. But then, it's his drunkendebacles that made him famous on tuckermx.com, where he writes about getting laid, putting down the opposite sex, getting in fights with rednecks and the like. The first story, in which Max brings a breathalyzer to a bar and gets into a BAC contest, is probably the funniest, though they all have their own frat-boyish charm. If you're looking for a role model, however, you'd be



Ha Ha, You're Divorced

The wedding industry is aspirational by nature, and what's more aspirational than celebrity nuptials? When people who are naturally thin and attractive marry, nothing can measure up. **"INSTYLE WEDDINGS"** (\$45) combines one of the magazine's specialties — B-list wedding profiles — with heart-attack inducing advice. Six months before the wedding, we learn, brides should start working out six times a week. But you're really here to gloat over photos of Tori Spelling's wedding — ha ha, they're so happy! Now she's engaged to someone else. HOLLY J. MORRIS (EXPRESS)

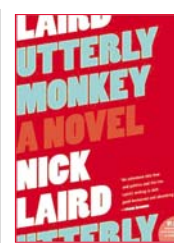
better off with Johnny Knoxville or Howard Stern.

FIRST LINE: "I used to think that Red Bull was the most destructive invention of the past 50 years."

IF YOU LIKE: Beer, debauchery, poop jokes. JOSHUA DAVIDOVICH

UTTERLY MONKEY by Nick Laird (Harper Perennial, \$14)

Laird, the husband of novelist Zadie Smith, is an Irish lawyer-turned-poet-turned novelist. His first novel is a story about two childhood friends from Northern Ireland — one a lawyer, one a drifter — who collide years later in London. In it, even a pint of Guinness earns a poetic description: "The storm in



a pint glass, the spindrift apart-
heid of grains
and galaxies set-
tling." The plot
involves avoid-
ing a catastro-
phe with vague
yet never clearly articulated political implications, and finding love with a woman who's not "utterly monkey" — i.e. unattractive.

FIRST LINE: "Moving is easy."

IF YOU LIKE: Nick Hornby and other smarter-than-average toilers in the lad-lit fields.

IF YOU DON'T LIKE: Zadie Smith. There's little heavy lifting in Mr. Zadie's fictional debut. RACHEL DRY

'Snatch' and Grab

If you want to live the movie without the unintelligible Irishman, you can get a touch of the wild side with the **SNATCH DELUXE EDITION** (\$20). In addition to the typical extras (a "Making Of" short, hidden extras for those with no life), you get a "poker kit," which, in a stunning lack of innovation, is a deck of cards and a dealer chip (although one with a gruesomely appropriate emblem — a four-fingered hand.) KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)



CDS

MORNINGWOOD by Morningwood (Capitol, \$13)



The new wave/disco pulse of radio hit "Nth Degree" is as sophisticated as these wryly named rockers get on a debut that mostly gives rise to early adolescent urges. "C'mon, I know you're hot," spunky siren Chantal Claret pipes in "New York Girls," and she gets more risqué in "Take Off Your Clothes" and the creepy "Babysitter." Co-writer Pedro Yanowitz's gutsy bass lines and Richard Steel's thick power chords help sell the songs in a rock vein that guys can dig, while Claret rides the line between Courtney Love/Joan Jett attitude and teen-queen empowerment. The girls won't mind that producer Gil Norton (Pixies, Foo Fighters) glosses it up, and listeners need to be pretty young to take a phrase like "This is a jetsetter music letter" at all seriously.

IF YOU LIKE: TRL, Avril Lavigne.

IF YOU DON'T LIKE: Adult attitudes, curfew. PAUL ROBICHEAU

WITH LOVE AND SQUALOR by



We Are Scientists (Virgin, \$13)
Don't expect songs about Bunsen Burners and quantum physics

here, just some good old rock and roll. Though *We Are Scientists*, or W.A.S. to the cool kids, sound a whole lot like recent hit machines, their fast and repetitive guitar licks and hard bass lines are augmented by somewhat operatic New Wave vocals that very quickly set W.A.S. apart. The boys from New York already caused some stir with their famous live shows and self-titled EPs; this is their first full-length major label offering, and they redo many of their older songs on it. The first track, "Nobody Move, Nobody Gets Hurt," is an early standout and Keith Murray's vocals on "Textbook," oddly reminiscent of Morrissey, make that track a favorite as well.

IF YOU LIKE: Franz Ferdinand, The Smiths, The Killers.

IF YOU DON'T LIKE: Bands that sound like they might be British but actually turn out to be American. J.D.

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IN SEARCH OF THINGS YOU MIGHT WANT TO DO, BUT DON'T KNOW ABOUT YET



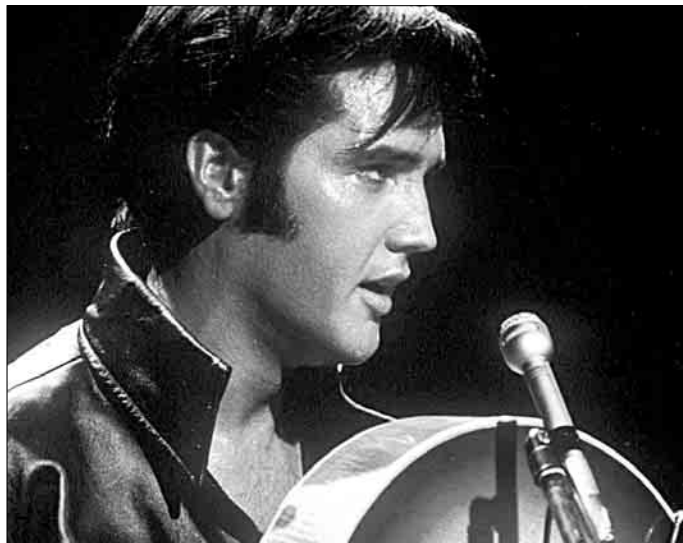
"The Marriage Circle's" cute couple.

... Date

The Marriage Circle. Ernst Lubitsch's silent comedy follows two couples, one happily married and the other tottering on the edge of divorce. Capitol Hill Arts Workshop, 545 7th St. SE; Wed., 7 p.m., \$5; 202-547-6839; filmsonthehill.com. (Eastern Market)

Singer/Songwriters. Mieka Pauley, a Harvard Square street crooner made good, joins Harriet Street and Justin Rosolino. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave., E. Vienna; Wed., 7:30 p.m., \$10; 703-225-1566; jamminjava.com.

Three Kings Day. Mark the anniversary of the wise men visiting baby Jesus by eating at Oyamel (2250B Crystal Dr., Arlington; 703-413-2288), which will be serving a traditional cake with a toy baked inside. Get the lucky slice and win a tast-ing menu for two. Or head to one of the events at the Gala Hispanic Theatre. Friday is a cultural bash with Congressman Robert Menendez, and Saturday will be a family affair featuring a donkey named Cheech. 3333 14th St. NW; Fri., 6 p.m., Sat., 2 p.m., free. (Columbia Heights)



Is the real King hiding out in the crowd at Dr. Dremo's Night of 100 Elvises?

... HONOR THE KING

Blue Suede B-Day

If the King were alive today, the pelvis-thrusting singer would be turning 71 on Sunday. Start loving him tender Saturday at **ELVIS RESURRECTED** at Chick Hall's Surf Club, where Mai Tais will flow and the Hula Monsters will rock the place. (4711 Kenilworth Ave., Bladensburg; Sat., 8 p.m.-12 a.m., \$10; 301-927-6310; chickhallssurfclub.com.) Or opt for **DR. DREMO'S NIGHT OF 100 ELVISES**, which involves various diversions, including Elvis karaoke and an Elvis costume contest (\$100 first-place prize). (2001 Clarendon Blvd., Arlington; Sat., 8 p.m.; \$10, free if in Elvis costume; 703-528-4660; drdremo.com.) The next night head to Wells Ice Rink for **ELVIS-THEMED SKATING**. (5211 Paint Branch Road, College Park; Sun., 7 p.m.-9 p.m., \$4 skate rental, \$1 if in Elvis dress; 301-277-3717.) The revelry continues at the **ELVIS BIRTHDAY DANCE**. Take a boogieing break with a half-time look-alike contest (Saint Mark Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Rd., Rockville; Mon., 7:30 p.m., \$12, \$15 at the door; 301-754-3611; imtfolk.org.)

... Take the Kids



"You're fun. Will you be my new Grandma?"

Cabot Cheese Road Show. Be a Cheesehead for a day without going to Wisconsin. Kids can have their pic taken as Cabetsy, the Cabot cow. At 12 local Whole Foods, Fri.-Sun., free; check cabotcheese.com for schedule.

Celebrate the Banjo with Bruce Hutton. Your child will be a pickin' fool once he learns about the banjo with musician Hutton and crafts his own jug band instrument. Corcoran Gallery of Art, 500 17th St., NW; Sat. 1:30 p.m., \$5; 202-639-1700; corcoran.org. (Farragut North/West)

NSO Teddy Bear Concerts. Kids 3-5 should bring a favorite (stuffed) animal to this new concert series. Kennedy Center, 2700 F St., NW; Sat., 1 and 2:30 p.m., \$15; 202-467-4600; kennedy-center.org. (Foggy Bottom-GWU)

Shake Up Your Saturdays. Spend the day with Elizabethan folk in the world of Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night." Folger Theatre, 201 East Capitol St. SE; Sat., 10 a.m., \$12; 202-544-7077; folger.edu. (Capitol South)

Sleeping Beauty. You know the story. Thomas Jefferson Community Theatre, 125 S. Old Glebe Rd., Arlington; through Jan. 14, \$8-\$10; 703-548-1154.



MICHELLE REPISO

... GET RID OF UNWANTED PRESENTS

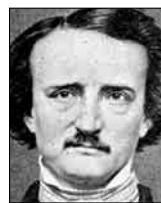
Avoid Regifting

Store return policies are growing ever-stricter. Here are some options for when inconsiderate givers don't include gift receipts and you can't take it back. If an item can sell for at least \$100, Georgetown's **ESPOT** can auction it on eBay. There's a 30 percent commission on sales up to \$500. (3211 K St. NW; 202-337-7768; espotstore.com.) Should your clothes pass muster, Bethesda's **MUSTARD SEED**, a consignment store, will pay up front for men's and women's duds. (7349 Wisconsin Ave., 301-907-4699; check washingtonpost.com's City Guide for more consignment stores.) If the spirit of giving is still strong within you, donate those Ann Taylor separates to **DRESS FOR SUCCESS**, which collects women's suits and office-appropriate shoes, blouses and accessories. (The next drop-off is Wed., Feb. 1 at the Pentagon City Mall food court, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.) Gift card woes? Swap it at **CARD AVENUE.COM**.

... Learn

Ana Marie Cox. Find out why she's given up the Wonkette helm as she talks about her novel "Dog Days." 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW; Mon. 7 p.m., free; 202-364-1919; politics-prose.com.

Nevermore. Edgar Allan Poe's dark poetry just screams "musical," no? The world premiere intertwines his macabre work set to music with his intriguing life story.



Signature Theatre, 3806 S. Four Mile Dr., Arlington; opens Tue., \$39-\$50; 703-218-6500; sig-online.org.

Spread Your Cloak Over Me. This lecture addresses Christian, Islamic and Jewish views on helping the needy. Washington National Cathedral, Massachusetts and Wisconsin avenues NW; Wed., 7:30 p.m., free; 202-537-2221.

Dana Stabenow. The author discusses the thriller "Blindfold Game" and her research on board a Coast Guard cutter off the Alaska coast. Library of Congress, James Madison Building, 101 Independence Ave. SE; Tue., 6 p.m., free; 202-707-5221; loc.gov/cfbook. (Capitol South)



The Morris Men dance with sticks.

... Watch

Annual Sword Dancing Tour. The Foggy Bottom Morris Men show off a historic English folk dance, which involves tons of props and wearing silly outfits. Torpedo Factory, 10 North Union St., Alexandria; Sun., 4 p.m., free; 703-838-4565; torpedoefactory.org (King Street)

Mayor Arts Awards. Toast performers who've contributed to D.C.'s art scene, including Three Mo' Tenors and Dance Asia. Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; Mon., 6 p.m., free but call for reservations; 202-724-5613. (Foggy Bottom-GWU)

Spoon River Anthology. Edgar Lee Masters' small town is filled with flawed characters. Gunston Arts Center, 2700 S. Lang St., Arlington; through Jan. 28, \$20-\$26; 703-553-8782.

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UMD UNION GALLERY

Little Feonis wants to be your friend.

... Gaze

Appropriately: Five Artists Exploring Humor. Marvel at parodies of Christo's landscape art, obscene-but-cute wax creatures like Feonis, above, and hand-crafted clocks emblazoned with the faces of celebrities. Stamp Student Union, University of Maryland, through Feb. 17, free; 301-314-8492; www.union.umd.edu/gallery. (College Park)

New York Times Headlines (1990-2006): A.J. Bocchino's works are comprised of colorful headlines from the Gray Lady. Also opening: Arlene Shechet's curvaceous glassware and Katherine Sherwood's abstract creations. 1515 14th St. NW; Sat. through Feb. 25; 202-234-5601; hemphillfinearts.com. (U Street-Cardozo)

Sean Scully: Wall of Light. The artist's abstract paintings were inspired by decades-old memories of Mayan ruins. It's closing on Sunday. Phillips Collection, 1600 21st St. NW; \$7-\$9, 202-387-2151; phillipscollection.org. (Dupont Circle)

Jason Zimmerman: Straight, Street, Traditional. Wry photos of esoteric or abandoned objects by a recent Corcoran grad. There's a gallery talk on Sat. at 2 p.m. Also new: Bede Murphy's subtext-laden abstracts. 1710 Connecticut Ave. NW; through Feb. 11; 202-332-8767; irvinecontemporary.com. (Dupont Circle)



G FINE ART

Sadly, G Fine Art does not sell take-home versions of Luis Silva's "Lovely Monsters."

... ESCAPE POST-HOLIDAY REALITY

The Surreal Life

Early January is the year's hangover, when the dull ache of holiday-free life shrouds D.C. like the nasty spitting drizzle outside. A dose of the excessively bizarre will offer a brief respite from reality. In the new play **"MONKEYBOY,"** a sharp-tongued cockatoo devastates his owners' self-esteem; soon they plot sweet revenge. (Charter Theatre, National Conservatory of Dramatic Arts, 1556 Wisconsin Ave. NW; through Jan. 29, \$20-\$25; 202-333-7009; chartertheatre.org.) At the Kennedy Center, modern dance troupe Bowen McCauley premieres **"AMYGDALA,"** which trippily depicts the journey of the human brain from its lizard past to today. (2700 F St. NW; Sat., 7:30 p.m. and Sun., 2 p.m., \$40; 202-467-4600; kennedy-center.org; Metro: Foggy Bottom-GWU.) And at G Fine Arts, the fabric freaks in the **"LOVELY MONSTERS"** installation by artist Luis Silva are both creepy and cuddly. (1515 14th St. NW, Suite 200; through Jan. 21; 202-462-1601; gfineartdc.com; Metro: McPherson Square.)

... Shop

51st Annual Washington Antiques Show. Gawk at the 45 East Coast vendors of high-brow antiques. Bring your "Antiques Roadshow" wannabes for appraisal on Sat. from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. (\$10 an item). Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert St. NW; through Sun., one-day pass is \$15, four-day pass is \$25; washingtonantiques.org. (Woodley Park-Zoo)

Washington Wedding Show. Sample cakes, meet local vendors, see dresses and more. Dump guys in the Groom's Lounge and kids with the on-site childcare folks. Camelot of Upper Marlboro, 13901 Central Ave.; Sun., 12 p.m.-4 p.m., \$10; buy tickets online at washingtonweddings.net.

... Work Out



Free fitness. Keeping New Year's resolutions is way easier when the classes are free. Shaw's new SimplyFit has two complementary intro sessions in Hatha yoga and Pilates. SimplyFit, 1539 7th St. NW; Sat., 9 a.m. Pilates, 11:30 a.m., yoga, free; 202-667-6759; simplyfitdc.com. (Mt. Vernon Square)

Shake Your Chakras II. It sounds like a New Age porn flick, but it's actually just Flow Yoga's New Year's celebration and holiday party (we're not sure which holiday). On tap for the evening are live yoga sculptures, henna tattoos and the tunes of DJ Nitin Mukul. Flow Yoga, 1450 P St. NW; Sat., 7 p.m.-10 p.m., free; 202-462-3569; flowyogacenter.com. (Dupont Circle)

Weight Loss Through Hypnosis. So that exercise thing ain't exactly working for you. Don't give up. Forbes Blair, author of "Instant Hypnosis," will explain how to mentally trick yourself into living all healthy. First Class, Inc., 1726 20th St. NW; Thu., 7 p.m.-9:30 p.m., \$39; 202-797-5102; takeaclass.org. (Dupont Circle)

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✱ BY INVITATION ONLY: UPCOMING WEDDINGS



Amelia Jones, Cesar Silva

Amelia, 25, is a senior business analyst for Etrade. Cesar, 34, is a guest services manager for the Ritz-Carlton Tyson's Corner. They live in Washington.

WEDDING: A quick, informal affair on March 10 in Santiago, Chile, with 70 guests.

HONEYMOON: They'll rent a big beach house the week after the wedding for a "family" honeymoon; afterward, they'll travel around Chile for a week.

HOW THEY MET: Amelia was bartending at Gua-Rapo when Cesar came to visit a friend who worked there.

HOW SHE KNEW: "After being together for more than two years, he still opens the door for me."

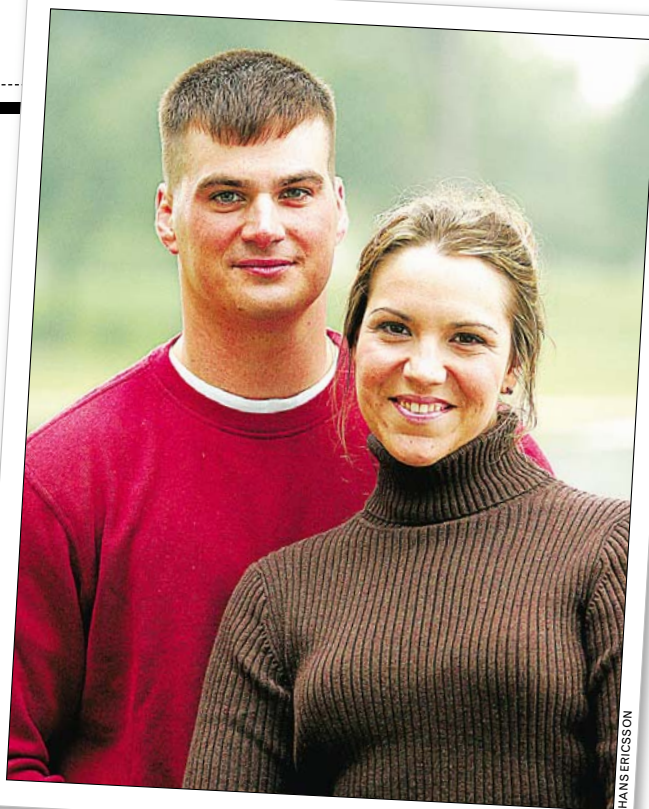
FIRST DATE: Dinner at Toro Tapas. "He gave me a poem in Spanish. He wooed me with his Latin ways."

MOST HATED CLOTHING ITEM: His 1980s-style whitewashed jeans from the Gap.

PET NAMES: They call one another "Amorcito."

WEDDING STYLE: A traditional Chilean reception, with a Chilean folk group. "It will last until 5 a.m., not like here where the party stops at 1," said Cesar.

“Cesar gives me foot massages when I work too much. Who does that?!”



Stephanie Danis, Joshua Wolson

Stephanie, 28, is the executive assistant/counsel to Michael Toner, chairman of the Federal Election Commission. Josh, 32, is an associate attorney at Covington & Burling. They live in Washington.

WEDDING: A Jewish ceremony, followed by a black-tie affair for 160 guests on April 22.

HOW THEY MET: At Stetsons. Stephanie recited prayers in Hebrew to prove to Josh that she was really Jewish. "Needless to say, Stephanie had already had a bit to drink."

THEIR SONG: "Barbie Girl" by Aqua. On a long drive home from southern Virginia, the only radio station they could pick up was playing it.

Semper Mine

"After almost five years of dealing with the Marine Corps, I've learned that change is the only certainty." So said **JACLYN SURLES**, who saw her fall 2006 wedding to **JOSHUA SHEPARD** pushed back when Josh was unexpectedly deployed to Iraq.

"I realized how far removed I was from the wedding plans when I received a save-the-date card to my own wedding," said Josh. Jackie tried to keep him up-to-date on all the details through letters, but "when you're giddy after picking the perfect venue ... writing a letter about it just doesn't do the emotion justice," she said. Even though Josh wasn't involved in the planning, his taste is well-represented: Some of the groomsmen will be in their dress blues, and the table "numbers" will be Marine Corps bases. Josh's favorite thing? "I love the fact that, instead of doing traditional wedding favors, she made a donation to the Semper Fi Fund to help families of injured Marines."

Jackie, 27, is a full-time doctoral student in clinical psychology. Josh, 28, is a sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps. They will marry April 29 in Washington and they'll live in Alexandria.

“I was sure Stephanie was out of my league. I continue to think that today.”

Colin Choney, Kimberlee McGrath

Colin, 31, is a salesman for SPI floors. Kimberlee, 27, is an office manager for the Northern Virginia Massage Center. They live in Alexandria.

WEDDING: A non-denominational ceremony on April 30 in Stevensville, Md., followed by a semi-formal reception.

HOW THEY MET: At Rumors. After they exchanged phone numbers, "he called my cell-

phone immediately. I wasn't paying attention and answered it (not realizing it was him) and he said, 'Now the ball is in your court.'"

FIRST DATE: Colin came over to Kim's for dinner.

HOW HE PROPOSED: The Monday after Memorial Day weekend 2006, right after they woke up.



MOST HATED CLOTHING ITEM: She hates his "horrible" black baseball hat; he hates her pink Old Navy fleece.

THEIR SONG: "Stay" by John Legend.

"The lyrics talk about the ups and downs of relationships and getting through them together."

PET NAME: He calls her "FMC" for "Future Mrs. Choney."

WHEN IT HIT: "Putting actual, non-refundable money down makes it real."

MAKING IT UNIQUE: "Usually the officiant says, 'repeat after me' to say your vows. We won't do that; we'll read from a book that he holds. It sounds nicer that way."

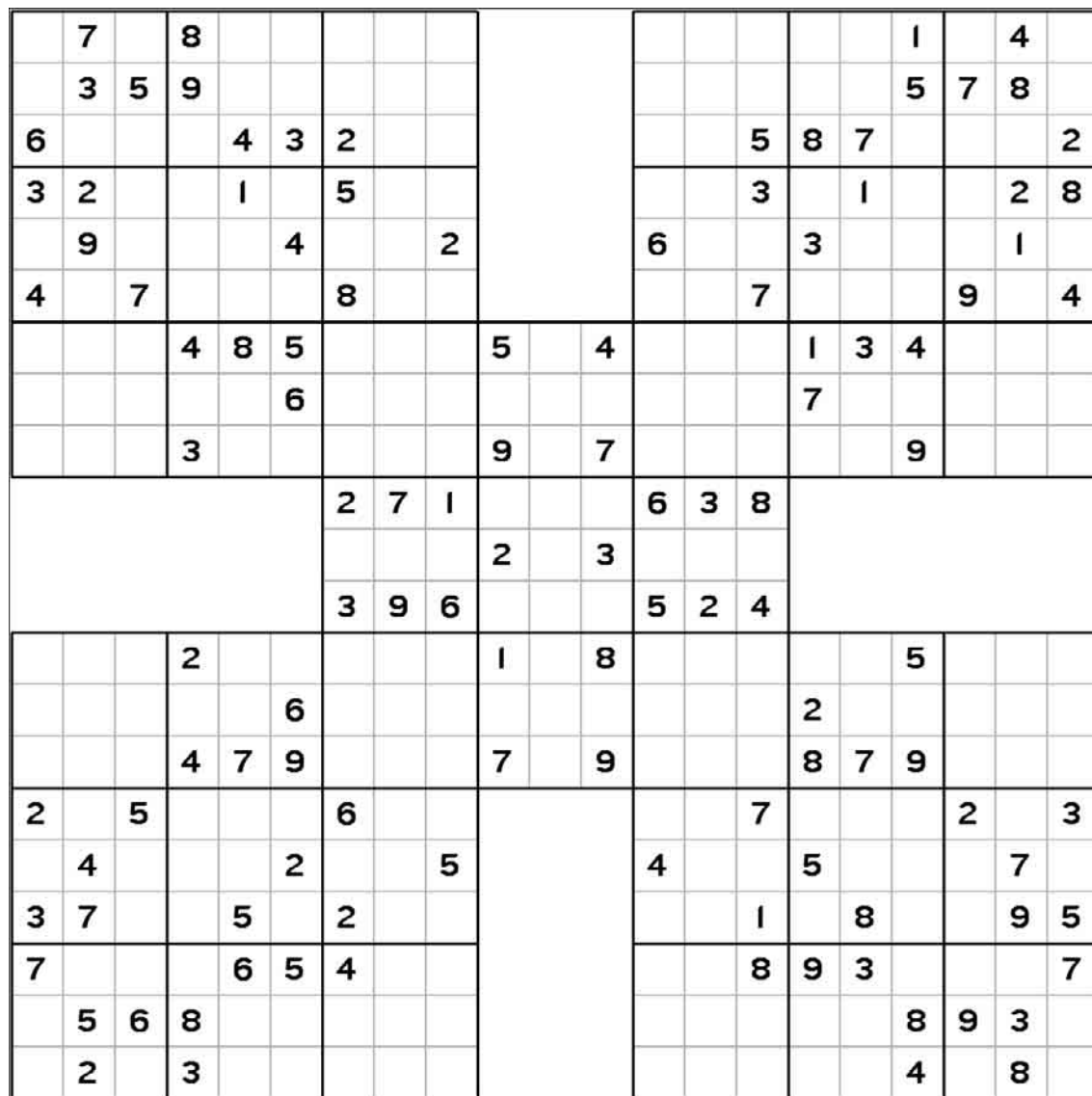
MMMM, CAKE: Three layers: one tiramisu, one yellow cake and one chocolate.

Getting Married?

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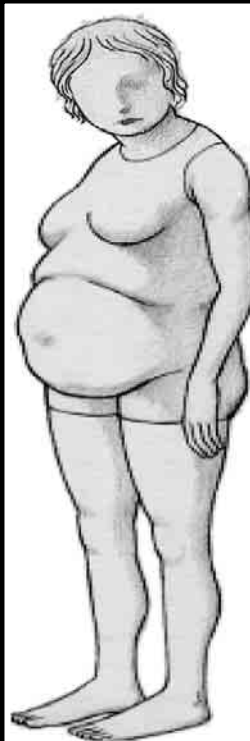


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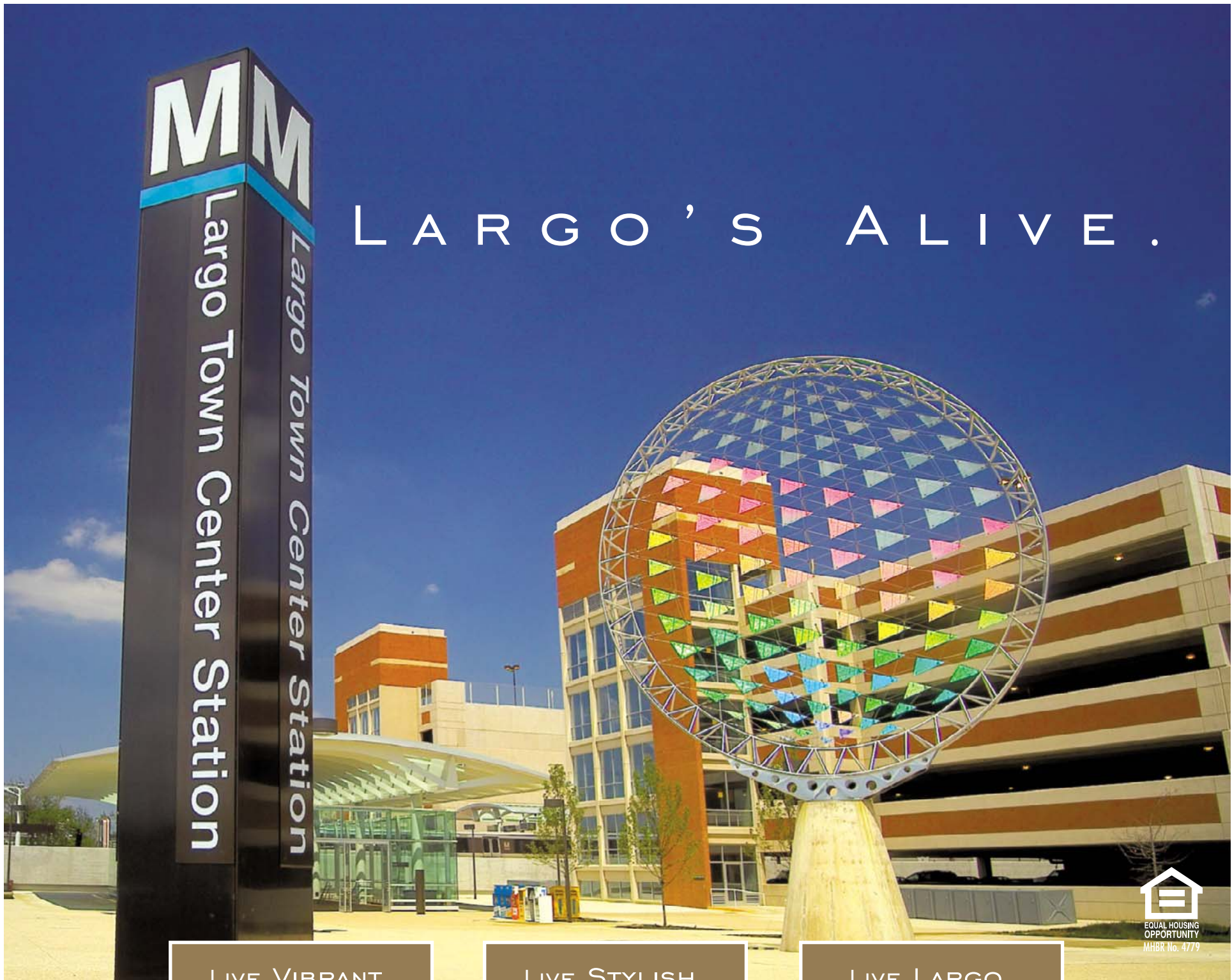
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